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EDWIN PAYNE, who died at his home in Rushville in the spring of 1907, was for many years recognized as one of the foremost figures in commercial circles in this part of Indiana. Entering upon his career as a banker in 1870, Mr. Payne became identified with the banking business of the county just at the period which began to mark the general commercial expansion of the state and so continued for many years an influential factor in that development. As the founder of the Peoples National Bank of Rushville he left an enduring memorial in the community in which he had resided since the days of his young manhood and his will long be a continuing influence in the commercial life of the city in which he elected to make his home. Born on November 1, 1840, in New Trenton, Franklin county, Indiana, the son of William J. and Louisa (Sloan) Payne, Edwin Payne located at Rushville when he was twenty-six years of age, and immediately began to make his presence felt in his new home. He was appointed a deputy under E. H. M. Berry, county treasurer, not long after taking up his residence in Rushville and later served in the same capacity under Benjamin F. Johnson, the county auditor. He then for a short time was connected with the A. G. Mauzy department store, and in 1870 entered upon the banking career in which he eventually attained such prominence. In that year (1870) Mr. Payne was elected cashier of the Rushville National Bank. For twenty-seven years thereafter he fulfilled his duties with that institution with accuracy and ability. In 1897 he retired, but a life of inactivity was not to his liking, and on October 10, 1900, he opened the doors of the Peoples Bank, which he founded as a private bank. Almost from the first day his bank prospered under his watchful eye, operating under its original charter until September 1, 1904, when it was nationalized under the name of the Peoples National Bank. However, long years of unremitting application to the arduous duties entailed in his chosen field of endeavor caused Mr. Payne's health to fail, and he presently retired from active participation in the affairs of the institution, leaving his two sons to control the destiny of the bank. On March 29, 1907, he bowed his head to the inevitable and died mourned by all who knew him. On May 12, 1870, Edwin Payne was united in marriage to Mary Frances Mauzy, daughter of Abram G. and Emily (Jameson) Mauzy, and to that union were born two sons, Earl H. and Ralph, the former of whom

is president of the Peoples National Bank and the latter, president of the Peoples Loan and Trust Company. These two institutions have been enlarged in the scope of their activities by the efforts of the sons of the founder, and in memory of their father they have erected a modern and well-arranged building on the northwest corner of Main and Second streets at Rushville. Ralph Payne was married on June 13, 1898, to Jennie Wallace, and they have four children: William Wallace, Lawrence Wesley, Frances Evelyn and Virginia. Fraternally, he is a member of all Masonic bodies save the Thirty-third degree, and in politics holds to the principles of the Republican party.

HENRY O. GROSS, cashier of the Manilla Bank, and one of the prominent men in Rush county's financial circles, is a native of of the county, having been born at Manilla, January 22, 1878, the son of John and Katherine (Ottman) Gross, both natives of Germany. Realizing that there were greater opportunities for advancement in America, John Gross came to this country in his early manhood prior to his marriage, while his wife came with her father when she was yet a girl. His first occupation in this country was in the capacity of a wagon maker and cabinet worker, being an expert in all lines of wood working. He later founded the general store in Manilla which is now operated by his son Fred, although it still retains the name of the founder. To him and his wife were born eight children, seven of whom are now living: Katherine, Emma, Jacob, Caroline, George W., Fred, Henry O., and Charles F., who died at the age of about twenty-four years, and is buried at Shelbyville, this state. Henry O. Gross received his education in the common schools and the high school at Manilla, which he attended for two years, and a short term at the Nelson Business College some time later. After leaving high school, he and his brother, Fred, took charge of their father's store, the duty devolving upon them at their father's death, and together they conducted the business for two years. At the end of that time, Fred joined the army, and for the succeeding two years, Henry managed the affairs of the establishment by himself. On his brother's return from the army, he turned over the business to him and went to Cincinnati, where he took his short business course. Following this he went to Indianapolis and worked in the wholesale grocery establishment of the Indianapolis Fancy Grocery Company for a short time, and then, having been offered a position with the Mauzy & Denning Company, moved to Rushville, where he remained for four months. He was then, April 1, 1901, made cashier of the Manilla Bank, the responsibilities of which office he has since discharged with credit to himself and with profit to the bank. On September 26, 1905, Mr. Gross was united in marriage with Miss Clara Fox, the daughter of Jacob G. and Amy E. (Blackford) Fox, both natives of Shelby county, Indiana, he being a miller by trade and now employed by the Mull Grain Company at Manilla. Mrs. Gross was born in Shelby county, and was educated in the schools there and at Morristown, Ind. To Mr. and Mrs. Fox three children have been born, all of whom are now living, Blanche, Ralph, and

Clara. Mr. Gross is a popular member of the Masonic fraternity, being affiliated with Manilla Lodge, No. 34, and in addition is well known as a member of the Modern Woodmen. In his political beliefs, he is counted among the supporters of the Democratic party, but he has never sought political office at the hands of his fellow citizens.

EDGAR THOMAS, president of the First National Bank of Milroy, this county, and for years recognized as one of the leading business men of that part of the county, has been a resident of Rush county all his life and has ever had a hearty interest in the development of the commercial and industrial activities of his home community. He was born on a farm in Anderson township on August 28, 1866, son of William and Ann E. (Wood) Thomas, both of whom also were born in Rush county, members of old families here, and who spent all their lives here, the latter dying in May, 1893, and the former in June, 1899. William Thomas was born on a pioneer farm in Anderson township, the son of Amos Thomas, who had come up into Indiana with his father, a "local" Methodist minister, from Bourbon county, Kentucky, about the year 1821, the year in which Rush county was organized as a separate civic unit among the counties of the Hoosier state, the family settling on a farm of "Congress land" in Anderson township. On that pioneer farm Amos Thomas grew to manhood and in time established his home in the same neighborhood, and in his turn William Thomas also established his home there after his marriage to Ann E. Wood, who was born in Orange township and whose parents also were of pioneer stock. William Thomas remained on the farm until about 1894, when he moved into Milroy, where he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring, as noted above, in 1899. He and his wife were the parents of four children, those besides the subject of this sketch being Nettie, wife of John H. Parker; Elgie, of Rushville, and Bertha, wife of Morton E. Richey. Reared on the home farm in Anderson township, Edgar Thomas supplemented the schooling he received in the local schools by a course in a business college at Danville, this state, and was then engaged, until he was twenty-six years of age, in carrying on the operations of the home farm. On his father's removal to Milroy he accompanied him and was there engaged in the buggy business and later for a couple of years in the general hardware business, after which he resumed farming; that is, overseeing farms in which he was interested, and is still the owner of a fine little farm of forty acres in Anderson township. From the time he was eighteen years of age Mr. Thomas has made a specialty of acting as clerk at local public farm sales and there is probably no one in the county who has thus acted at more sales hereabout than he, this service giving him a wide and popular acquaintance throughout the whole countryside. Mr. Thomas was one of the active spirits in the organization of the First National Bank of Milroy and was elected president of the same upon its organization, a position he still retains, his service in that connection having done much in the popularizing of the institution in the early days of its establishment and in the stabilizing of it since.

The bank was opened for business on August 30, 1920, and has become recognized as one of the sound financial institutions of the county. In 1900 Mr. Thomas was united in marriage to Zena Miller, daughter of James M. and Melissa Miller, also of this county, and he and his wife have a very pleasant home at Milroy and are ever helpful in promoting the social activities of their home community. Mr. Thomas is a Republican and has ever taken an interested part in local political affairs, but has not been a seeker after office.

SAMUEL R. NEWHOUSE, of Jackson township, was born in the township in which he now lives on December 19, 1857, the son of Lewis J. and Mary (Hackelman) Newhouse, both of whom were born in Rush county. Lewis Newhouse followed farming during his active life, mostly in Jackson township, and at one time was the owner of 320 acres of land in this township. Of the nine children born to himself and wife, but five are now living, namely: Pleasant A., Alfred M., Harvey M., Alice M. and Samuel R., the immediate subject of this sketch. Samuel R. Newhouse received his education in the Kining school in Jackson township and then for three years worked on the home farm. Upon his marriage, in 1881, he bought 140 acres of land in Center township, on which he located and farmed it for eight years. He then sold that place and moved to the farm where he now lives and which comprises 195 acres. He has also bought the old home farm of 219 acres, thus giving him total real estate holdings of 414 acres. Of this, he cultivates all but 120 acres, which he rents. He carries on a general line of farming operations, raising all the crops common to this locality, and also gives considerable attention to the fattening of hogs for market, feeding about 200 head annually. He is thoroughly practical and up-to-date in his methods and keeps his property in first-class repair, its general appearance indicating the owner to be a man of industry and good taste. On March 1, 1881, Mr. Newhouse was married to Mary I. Kirkpatrick, a native of Rush county and the daughter of James B. and Malinda (Newhouse) Kirkpatrick. Her father was a lifelong farmer and a substantial and influential man in his community. He was the father of eight children, of which number five are living, Amanda, John E., Samuel, William and Mary I. To Mr. and Mrs. Newhouse have been born seven children, namely: Lewis B., a farmer in Jackson township, who married Jennie Brooks; Oscar E., who is a farmer in Rushville township and who married Josie Brooks, who died in February, 1920, leaving one child, Roscoe; Goldie M., Carrie (deceased), Essie M., Clarence W. and Richard S. Mr. Newhouse is a Republican in his political views and, fraternally, he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Rushville.

THOMAS E. McCOY, of Posey township, was born in Rushville township on March 12, 1871, and is the son of Thomas and Mary (Moran) McCoy. These parents were both natives of Ireland, whence they came with their respective families to the United States, the father at the age of three years and the mother when thirteen years of age. They settled in Niagara county, New York, where Thomas and Mary were married, soon after which event they came to Indiana

and located in Rush county, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Their son, Thomas E., was educated in the schools of Rushville No. 7, Posey No. 7, and Walker township, attending in District No. 6, and after completing his studies he went to work on the home farm, where he remained as his father's assistant until the latter's death. However, for several years prior to that time he had rented land from his father, and now he inherited eighty acres of land, comprising the land on which he now resides. His brother, William H., also owns eighty acres adjoining and they operate these tracts together. Mr. McCoy keeps the place in fine repair and has made a number of substantial improvements thereon. He carries on a general line of farming and also raises live stock, feeding and marketing about one hundred head of hogs each year. Politically, Mr. McCoy has been a lifelong supporter of the Democratic party. He is a member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic church at Rushville and is also a member of Council No. 769, Knights of Columbus, at Rushville.

HARRIE JONES. There is no county in the United States that has won more fame for its fast harness horses than Rush, and few men have been here engaged in horse dealing and training who have won more far reaching renown than Harrie Jones, of Rushville. He was born in that city, August 23, 1872, the son of W. A. and Laura M. (Oglesby) Jones, both natives of Ohio, the former of Harrison, the latter of Sidney. When he was eighteen years of age, W. A. Jones came to Rush county, walking from his home in Harrison, and located at the county seat. His first employment was found in a restaurant where he worked for a short time at a small wage, leaving there to enter the boot and shoe business for a brief period. He then engaged in the hotel business, and bought the Windsor hotel in about 1870. This he conducted successfully for about three years, then selling out and going to Cincinnati where he bought the Galt House. After a little more than a year in that city, he returned to Rushville, buying the Windsor hotel again. However, he sold out in a short time to engage in the harness horse business. He then bought back the hotel and in addition a farm adjoining the city of Rushville, known as Riverside Park. Here he constructed a mile track and a racing stable where he trained and bred many of the finest speed horses in the country. For many years he gave an annual race meeting on his track, but in 1902 he retired from active racing interests to devote his entire time to the management of his 242 acre farm. Among the most notable of his horses were: "Florence M.," 2:22¼, which won forty-nine out of fifty-three races in Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, Michigan, and Kentucky; "Raven Boy," 2:15¼, which held several track records over the country, and "Harrie Jones," 2:18¼. William A. Jones was born in Dearborn county, Ohio, October 2, 1845, the seventh of thirteen children born to Thomas H. and Emily (Wilkins) Jones, who moved to Hamilton county, Ohio, settling near Harrison, where the boy's youth was spent on the farm. On May 5, 1869, he married Laura M. Oglesby, who was born on September 1, 1850, daughter of Jacob H. and Mary (Fielding) Oglesby, and to

their union were born three children: Carrie, Harrie, and Freddie. Harrie Jones received his education in the public schools of Rushville, upon leaving which he engaged in the harness horse business with his father with whom he was associated until 1902, when he engaged in business for himself. He had one of the best equipped "plants" to be anywhere found, including a barn 300 feet long, every stall box 12x12, 210 acres of ground, good pasture for brood mares and colts and other attractive features. During the fall, winter, and spring he devoted his time to preparing horses and colts for the coming season's campaign, as well as preparing them for sales. He sold several animals for from $1,000 to $8,500, and among the list of horses he marked while racing and in his stable may be mentioned: "Alcyfras," 2:03¼, which held the world's record for mares on a half-mile track; "George Gano," 2:02; "Fay Richmond," 2:03¾; "Harry the Ghost," 2:04½; "John Ward," 2:05¼; and ninety-six others in 2:20 and better, too numerous to be here enumerated. Mr. Jones raced on the Grand Circuit and the Great Western Circuit, and in 1907 had sixty-six horses in his care, and employed from twenty-five to thirty men on his place. In 1918, he retired from the harness horse game to devote his attention to farming, in which he is at present occupied, but in 1921 he became engaged in the horse business again. In 1895 Mr. Jones was united in marriage to Mayme Mauzy, a daughter of G. G. and Lydia (Wolf) Mauzy, and he and his wife are popular members of Rushville society. Fraternally, Mr. Jones holds membership in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Pythias, in the affairs of which he takes an active interest. His political views incline him toward the Democratic party, which he supports.

BEN STEVENS, who was formerly one of the active and enterprising farmers of Noble township, is now practically retired from active work and is enjoying the fruits of his former years of labor. He is a member of one of the old pioneer families of this section and has enjoyed an enviable standing in the community where he has spent his entire life. Mr. Stevens was born in Noble township on January 24, 1862, and is a son of Mack and Phoebe (Sutton) Stevens, both also natives of Rush county. Mack Stevens was the son of Isaac Stevens, who came to Rush county in an early day, entered land and remained here during the rest of his life. He received a common school education and after his marriage he acquired a farm, which he operated up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1865. To him and his wife were born three children, Clara, Jesse and Ben. After the death of Mr. Stevens, his widow became the wife of Levi Bartlett, to which union were born three children: Ida, Rhoda, and John. Ben Stevens received his educational training at the old Pinhook school house, and then turned his attention to farm work, being employed by the day up to the time of his mother's death, at which time he inherited a part of the home place. He then bought out the other heirs, giving him possession of thirty-two acres of land, which he cultivated for about a year. He then sold the home place and bought another farm of fifty acres, to which he devoted

his labors until 1904, when he bought the place which he now owns and which comprises 108½ acres of fine, fertile land. He put many good improvements on this place and cultivated it successfully until 1910, when he retired from active work and rented the farm. Among the improvements on the farm are two sets of farm buildings and in other ways the place ranks as among the good farms of the township. Ben Stevens was married to Laura C. Logan, the daughter of Thomas and Sarah O. (Le Forge) Logan. They have one child, Roscoe, who married Alma Dearmond and has one child, Lloyd Wallace. Mr. and Mrs. Stevens are active members of the Methodist Episcopal church at New Salem, and both occupy official positions in that organization, Mr. Stevens being a steward and trustee and Mrs. Stevens being president of the Ladies' Aid Society. Politically, Mr. Stevens gives his support to the Democratic party.

JOHN F. McKEE, cashier of the New Salem State Bank, is a native son of Rush county, having been born in Noble township on March 6, 1875. He is the scion of sterling old pioneer ancestry, his paternal grandparents having been John F. and Hester Ann (Morrow) McKee, natives of Pennsylvania, but who emigrated, first to Kentucky, whence, in 1832, they came to Indiana. Locating in Noble township, this county, Mr. McKee bought forty acres of land, which was densely covered with the primeval timber. Clearing three acres of this land, he built a log cabin and then went ahead with the task of creating a homestead, where he spent the greater part of his life. To him and his wife were born six children, namely: Elizabeth, Charles H., John F., Malissa J., Samuel Simpson and William. Of these, Charles was the father of the subject of this sketch. He was born in the Noble township home and there grew to manhood, receiving his educational training in the common schools of that neighborhood. He followed the vocation of farming and stock raising during all his active life. As a dealer in live stock he was particularly active, being at one time one of the heaviest stock buyers in Rush county. At one time he owned 320 acres of land, all of which was located in Noble township. He took an active part in all movements for the upbuilding of the community and for nine years served as trustee of his township. He married Catherine Simonson, a native of Franklin county, Indiana, and to them were born ten children, nine of whom are living, as follows: Ella, wife of L. Beaver; Carrie B. and Elizabeth, who remain unmarried; Hester, wife of William P. Sipe, of Orange, Ind.; Martha L., wife of C. Moore; John F., the immediate subject of this review; Margaret, wife of Albert May; William S., who lives in Noble township, and Nelle G., wife of O. P. Wamsley, proprietor of the Scanlan hotel at Rushville. John F. McKee received his elementary education in the common schools of Noble township and then attended the high school at Orange, Ind., after which he took a course in a business college at Indianapolis. He then formed a partnership with his father and together they bought ninety-five acres of land which they farmed until his brother, William S., attained his majority, when the latter entered the partnership and they purchased 120 acres more. This they farmed

jointly until the father's death, when John F. and William S. divided the land and the former began farming for himself on seventy acres of land. He was successful in this work and eventually was enabled to add to his land holdings until they amounted to 240 acres, all of which was located in Noble township. Mr. McKee gives personal direction to the operation of this land, which he devotes to general farming and stock raising, putting 100 acres to corn and 100 acres to small grain. He feeds about 700 head of hogs annually. In August, 1917, Mr. McKee took an active part in the organization of the New Salem State Bank and was elected cashier of that institution, a position which he is still filling with entire satisfaction to the stockholders and patrons of the bank. Mr. McKee was married to Georgia Gregg, a daughter of Walter S. and Sarah A. (Carter) Gregg, and they are the parents of two children, Kathleen and John F., Jr. Mr. McKee and family are members of the Little Flat Rock Christian Church, of which he is a deacon. Politically, he gives his support to the Republican party, while, fraternally, he is a member of the Masonic order, in which he has attained the degrees of the chapter and council, and the Improved Order of Red Men. Mr. McKee is a man of kindly disposition and generous impulses and is deservedly popular in his community. He is essentially a man of affairs, being a leader in all public movements in his locality and giving his support to every enterprise for the advancement of the public welfare.

JOHN W. CALLAHAN, for many years an industrious farmer in Walker township, was born in Fleming county, Kentucky, August 22, 1856, a son of Edward and Percell Callahan, and died on his farm in Walker township, December 17, 1900, his burial being in East Hill cemetery. After his school days were over Mr. Callahan left Kentucky and came to Indiana, locating in Rush county, where he found work as a farm hand and made many friends through his honest and pleasant manner. After his marriage in 1881 he began farming on his own account. When his father-in-law died his wife inherited 100 acres of land which he operated very successfully for many years. A few years later he bought a tract of sixty-one acres adjoining Mrs. Callahan's property, and this 161 acres comprises the family estate. February 17, 1881, Mr. Callahan married Madaline Mull, born in Walker township, Rush county, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Jones) Mull. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Callahan: Mazy A., Dossie M., Vernie E., William H. and Daisy N. Mazy A. married Clem Gardner, a farmer in Walker township, and they have three children: Von, Ruth and Ruby. Dossie M., who is a farmer in Walker township, married Bertha Hiner and they have three children, Hubert, Harold and Lowene. Hubert now attending school at Homer. Vernie E. died at the age of thirty-four years. He married Gertrude Holzyder and they had five children, four living: Lowell, Norma J., Iris M. and Manetta. William H., a farmer in Walker township, married Bertha Lower and they have two children: Doletta and Estel. Daisy N. married Noah Webb, a farmer in Rushville township, and they had two children, Mary and

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Rita, the latter of whom died at the age of three years and six months. Mr. Callahan had many friends and acquaintances at Homer, where he belonged to the order of Odd Fellows and had passed the chairs in the lodge. He was always interested in the welfare of his neighborhood and the country and was a sturdy Republican in his political life.

JOHN KENNEDY GOWDY, son of Adam McConnell and Nancy (Oliver) Gowdy, was born at Arlington, in this county on August 23, 1843. In 1849 the family moved from Rush to Jasper county, Indiana, where John K. received his education in the public schools. His father, who was a public speaker of ability, attained prominence in politics and was elected a delegate to the second state constitutional convention which met at Indianapolis in October, 1850, and a member of the legislature for the legislative district then composed of Jasper, White and Pulaski counties. Responding to the nation's call when Civil war threatened the life of the republic, John K. Gowdy enlisted in Company L, Fifth Indiana Volunteer cavalry, at Lafayette, July 17, 1862, at the age of eighteen. He served with his regiment in the pursuit and capture of John Morgan, the notorious raider, and in Kentucky during the spring and summer of 1863; with General Burnside in the East Tennessee campaign during the fall and winter of 1863-64; with General Sherman in the Georgia campaign until after the evacuation of Atlanta, and then with General Thomas at Nashville, Tenn. After three years and three months of service he was mustered out with his company at Pulaski, Tenn., October 5, 1865. After the close of the war he returned to Rush county. On January 24, 1867, Mr. Gowdy was married to Eve E. Gordon, daughter of one of the pioneers of Rush county. To this union were born two children, Latta Theodore, who died in infancy, and Fanny Alice, who was married to Robert E. Mansfield, American consul general to Chile, on April 17, 1906. In 1870, Mr. Gowdy was elected sheriff of Rush county, to which office he was re-elected two years later. In 1879, he moved from the farm to Rushville. In 1882, he was elected to the office of auditor of Rush county for a term of four years, at the end of which time he was renominated by his party by acclamation, and again elected, serving eight years as auditor. He also served his party as chairman of the Rush county Republican committee for ten years, 1879 to 1889. In the capacity of chairman of the county committee, and in the management of local political affairs, Mr. Gowdy showed such genius for organization and displayed such splendid executive ability that it brought him into prominence and made him a potent factor in state politics. In 1890, Attorney General Louis T. Michener resigned as chairman of the Indiana Republican state committee, and Mr. Gowdy was chosen to succeed him. In 1892, when the state committee was re-organized he was elected chairman. His ability as a leader enabled him to create and maintain for many years one of the most efficient political organizations ever effected in Indiana. In 1894, Mr. Gowdy was again

chosen chairman of the committee, and the success of the party in Indiana in that campaign, when the entire Republican state ticket and thirteen representatives in Congress were elected, the first time in the history of the state that one party secured a full Congressional delegation, added to the reputation that Mr. Gowdy had already gained as an organizer. In 1896 when the Republican state committee was reorganized Mr. Gowdy was chosen chairman for the third time, and it was in the great campaign of that year, when William McKinley was elected President, and the free coinage of silver at the ratio of sixteen to one was made the paramount issue by Mr. Bryan, that the executive ability, resourcefulness and splendid political judgment of Mr. Gowdy were demonstrated. The party was confronted with a new and dangerous issue and disturbed by internal dissension, but under his leadership achieved one of the most notable political victories in the history of he state. During that memorable campaign Mr. Gowdy made the acquaintance and won the friendship of many men of national prominence, including Major McKinley, the presidential candidate, and Mark Hanna, chairman of the Republican national committee. His conduct of the contest in Indiana, which early took an advanced position in favor of the gold standard, received the enthusiastic support of the managers of the national campaign, and focused upon the state the political attention of the entire country. It was during that great contest that Mr. Gowdy's friends bestowed upon him the sobriquet of "Oom Jack," comparing him with Oom Paul Kruger, the great, strong, fighting character of South Africa. The term was one of affection and endearment used by Mr. Gowdy's friends and admirers. Soon after the inauguration of President McKinley in March, 1897, Mr. Gowdy was appointed consul general to Paris, where he achieved the honor and distinction of being one of the most efficient and popular officials who ever represented the United States Government at the French capital. Consul General Gowdy's official residence in Paris covered a most interesting period, and a series of historic events, including the Spanish-American war, the meeting in Paris, after the war, of the commission which arranged the terms of peace between the United States and Spain, and the Paris exposition in 1900. Mr. Gowdy was the recipient of many honors and compliments from various societies and organizations in Paris, and from the French government he received the decoration of Officer of the Legion of Honor, being the first American consular officer to have that distinction bestowed upon him. He also received as a mark of esteem from the American Chamber of Commerce in Paris, a beautiful, hand-illumined certificate of commendation and appreciation for honorable services rendered that association personally and officially. Among other special and distinguished acts was his assistance in locating the body of John Paul Jones, the American naval hero, whose remains were found in a Paris cemetery, disinterred and returned to his native country under naval escort, and buried at Annapolis

with naval honors. On July 3, 1900, Consul General Gowdy delivered the address presenting the statue of George Washington, at Place d'Iena, Paris, a gift of the American people to the French government. It was also his pleasant duty, as consul general, to certify the signature of the signers of the deed of transfer of the Panama canal property by the French government to the United States. After eight and a half years of official residence abroad Mr. Gowdy resigned his position as consul general, and returned with his family to his home in Rushville, to resume his business, and to live among his neighbors and friends. His homecoming was made a gala day by his old friends and neighbors, and many admiring friends throughout the state, who gathered at Rushville in large numbers to receive, and to extend a welcome to him and his family, the reception being characterized by a warmth of greeting and enthusiastic demonstration that testified to the affectionate regard in which he was held by the people in his home and in his native state. Mr. Gowdy represented the best type of American citizenship. Born in Indiana in 1843, his early impressions, education and training were received and character formed during that period of the nation's history when patriotism was the dominant note, and loyalty to the Government and its institutions characterized public sentiment. The best estimate that can be obtained of a man's character and personal worth is the concensus of opinion in the community in which he lives; an estimate based upon an intimate knowledge of his home life. Judged by this standard the memory esteem and affections of the people of Rushville, and of Rush county that evidenced a very high regard for him as a citizen, a neighbor and a friend. Endowed with a strong, but genial personality, a kindly disposition and a charitable nature, he impressed those with whom he came in contact as a man of high ideals and compelling purpose, a leader of men. Positiveness of character was one of Mr. Gowdy's chief characteristics. When once he made up his mind to do a thing, decided upon a plan of action, he pursued it with a determination that never hesitated until the object was achieved, or every resource at his command exhausted. To this fixity of purpose was largely due his success as an organizer. Men believed in and co-operated with him, knowing that once he entered upon a project and, believing he was right, that he would pursue it industriously and determinedly to a conclusion. In 1866, Mr. Gowdy joined the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he remained a consistent and devout member. Although prevented by ill health from attending services, or participating actively in the work for many years, he never lost interest in the progress and welfare of his chosen church, and his Christian faith continued always to be a comfort and a consolation. He was a charter member of the Rushville post of the Grand Army of the Republic, a Freemason and an Odd Fellow. His charities, which were general and extensive, were conducted so quietly and unostentatiously that few except those who were beneficiaries of his bounty knew to what extent his

hand went out to the poor, the needy and distressed. Like his daily life, his charities were inspired and directed by generous, Christian impulses. Although exercising a wide influence for good, personally, morally and socially in the community, and throughout the state, all his private and public acts were characterized by extreme modesty. He was essentially a home person, preferring always the quiet and comforts, the pleasure and intimate associations of the home to the formalities of social life, or the discomforts, and the promiscuous associations encountered in travel and in public places. His love for children was reciprocated, as shown by the affectionate regard in which he was held by all the little folk in the neighborhood of his home. In the summer time crowds of youths of both sexes were wont to gather under the big white tent under the trees in the rear of his home, where he spent most of the days during the hot weather, reading and conversing with the visiting children, and exchanging greetings with passing friends and neighbors. While observing the actions of the children, and listening to their conversation and candid comments on the actions of each other, he frequently remarked: "The hope of the American nation is in these boys and girls, and if properly educated and trained in the ethics of government, the future of the republic is secure." Mr. Gowdy endeavored to inspire the children who came within the sphere of his influence with high ideals, pure motives and patriotic sentiments. And many Indiana men of the younger generation testify to the inspiration and encouragement they received through his kindly, good advice, and from his patriotic example. Mr. Gowdy died at his home in Rushville on June 25, 1918.

J. W. GREEN, M. D., the first in three generations of Rush county physicians and one of the early medical practitioners in the county, was born here on February 5, 1825, the son of Lot and Anna (Cooper) Green, pioneers. They came to Rush county in 1824, located in Posey township, and here J. W. Green grew to manhood. He had early become interested in the medical science, and by diligent application to such works on anatomy and other branches as he could obtain, trained himself to minister to the ills of his fellow beings. He was generous to a fault, and during the Civil war never accepted any remuneration for services rendered to the families of soldiers, his kindness and sympathetic nature winning him a legion of warm friends. On May 18, 1846, he married Mary J. Gowdy, of Arlington, and they were the parents of twelve children: Lot, Nancy, Ann, Preston S., Adam W., Mary L., John, Thomas, William Lewis, Nellie R., James and Charles. Dr. Lot Green was born in Arlington, where his father, Dr. J. W. Green, practiced medicine, July 29, 1847, and after completing his preliminary schooling entered Butler University at Irvington, Ind., and was graduated from the medical department of that institution in 1881. He came to be a very successful member of the profession, was an ardent worker in various medical associations, and for several years was county health officer.

In addition to his professional interests he was the owner of a fine farm in Jackson township. In 1872, he married Cordelia J. Barnard, a daughter of Brasilla G. and Rachel (Roberts) Barnard, residents of Posey township, this county, and to them were born five sons: Lucien L., Hallie W., Frank H., Charles S., and Derby B. Dr. Frank H. Green was born on July 20, 1876, at Arlington, the third son of Dr. Lot Green, and after attending the common schools of Jackson township and the high schools at Gings Station and Rushville he was matriculated at Indiana Medical College at Indianapolis, from which institution he received his M. D. degree on March 31, 1897. Return to Rushville, he began to practice with his father, with whom he continued until February 21, 1905, when he began to practice for himself. He took post-graduate work for three months in 1901 at the New York Post-Graduate Hospital and again in 1917. For fifteen years he ably assisted Dr. John C. Sexton, having been a member of the Sexton Hospital staff for that length of time. On October 3, 1918, he entered the military service of the country as a captain in the medical corps, was stationed first at Ft. Oglethorp, Ga., for three months, and then at Camp Sheridan at Montgomery, Ala., where he was discharged in January, 1919. While at Ft. Oglethorp Captain Green completed a three-months course in X-ray, further perfecting himself for civilian practice. On returning to Rushville, he opened a private hospital, making it possible for him to enlarge the scope of his work as well as enabling him to discharge more efficiently the duties entailed by his large clientele. On November 23, 1898, Doctor Green was married to Kate R. Kiplinger, a daughter of Daniel F. and Maude H. Kiplinger. They have had one child, a son born in 1900, who died in infancy. Although almost his entire time is occupied by his professional duties, Doctor Green gives some attention to the 146-acre farm in Rushville township, which he and his brother Derby own. He is well known in fraternal bodies in Rushville, being a member of the Masonic order, Knights of Pythias, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Improved Order of Red Men. Politically he is a Republican, and has never failed with his support in any worthy cause either in the realm of politics or in civic welfare. Doctor Charles S. Green, the fourth son of Doctor Lot Green and one of the county's leading dental surgeons, was born in the town of Occident, Jackson township, this county, December 2, 1883. True to a family tradition, he decided on a career of professional practice, though in a slightly different branch of the medical science than that followed by his forebears, and after completing the course of study prescribed in the common schools of Jackson township and the high school at Rushville, he entered Indiana Dental College, from which he received the degree of D. D. S. in 1906. He returned to Rushville to enter upon the practice of his profession, and has won many supporters by the excellent character of the work he does, as his clientele all know that there is no improvement, invention, or scientific discovery made in dentistry of which Doctor Green does not take instant advantage. He married Elma H. Retherford, a daughter of Robert and Lila Retherford, and they are the parents

of two children: Frank H., Jr., and Justine. He is a member of the Masonic order, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Knights of Pythias, in all of which he enjoys unusual popularity. The principles of the Republican party coincide most nearly with his political views, and it is there that his support is given.

WILLIAM M. BOSLEY, proprietor of the grain elevator at Milroy and who also is engaged in the coal and seed business at that place, a progressive and well known business man of this county, was born at Milroy and has lived there all his life. For ten years he was a member of Rush county's excellent teaching staff and then took up work at the elevator, presently buying the same and for nearly twenty years past has been proprietor of the plant, the business of which during that time he has greatly enlarged. Mr. Bosley was born on July 17, 1873, son of Samuel H. and Nora (Smith) Bosley, both of whom spent their last days here, the latter dying in 1911 and the former in 1918. Samuel H. Bosley was born in Anderson township, son of Elijah Bosley, a Kentuckian, who had come to this county and settled in the Milroy neighborhood in the early days. Some time after coming here Elijah Bosley moved up into Boone county but did not remain long there, presently returning to this county and locating at Williamstown, where for many years he was engaged in the general merchandise business. Samuel H. Bosley was reared in Anderson township, received his schooling there and as a young man became engaged as a carpenter and wagon maker, which trade he followed all his active life. When the Civil war broke out he enlisted his services in behalf of the Union and went to the front as a member of K Company, Fifty-fourth regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and upon the expiration of that term of enlistment re-enlisted and returned to the front as a member of E Company, One Hundred and Twenty-third regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, serving about three years, and was thus with "Pap" Thomas on that general's memorable campaign South and took part in the battle of Atlanta. Upon the completion of his military service Samuel H. Bosley returned to his home in this county, resumed his activities as a builder at Milroy and here spent the remainder of his life, a well known and useful citizen. He and his wife were the parents of five children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the second in order of birth, the others being as follows: Frances, wife of W. O. Fishback; George C., of Richmond; Maude, wife of L. E. Berner, and Nell, wife of J. L. Parsons. William M. Bosley was reared at Milroy and received his schooling in the excellent schools of that place. He prepared himself for teaching and for ten years was occupied during the winters as a teacher in the schools of this county. In the meantime during the summers he had been more or less engaged about the elevator at Milroy and in 1903 bought the elevator, which he ever since has been operating and which he has enlarged in every way. The Milroy elevator has a capacity of 15,000 bushels and is the center of the grain trade of a considerable area about Milroy. Mr. Bosley also does quite an extensive business in coal and seeds and has for years been recognized as one of the leading

business men of that part of Rush county. In 1899 William M. Bosley was united in marriage to Laura Bowling, daughter of Hiram and Alzina Bowling, and to this union two children have been born, William, who died in 1914, at the age of six years, and Catherine, born in December 2, 1906. Mr. and Mrs. Bosley are members of the Christian church and take an active interest in church work, Mr. Bosley having been an office bearer in the church since 1896 and an elder from 1898 to January, 1921. In his political views Mr. Bosley is a life-long Republican, and takes a proper part in local civic affairs. He is a York-Rite Mason, a member of the Milroy blue lodge, and of the commandery, Knights Templar, at Rushville, and is also a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, affiliated with Murat Temple, Indianapolis. He also is a member of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias at Milroy and in the affairs of these several orders takes a warm fraternal interest.

JESSE E. CREED, hardware merchant at Manilla, Ind., was born in Shelby county, Indiana, September 19, 1866, one of a family of nine children born to Smith and Laura (Henderson) Creed. The father was born in Shelby county and the mother in Rush county. Six of their children are living: Flora B., Lianna, Jesse E., John N., Theodore B. and Herman. Jesse E. Creed was reared on his father's farm of sixty acres in Shelby county and obtained a public school education in Liberty township. Instead of becoming a farmer like his father, he learned the blacksmith trade under his brother, the late William H. Creed, and followed the same for twenty-three years. About 1906 he embarked in the hardware business at Manilla, at his present location, and has built up a very satisfactory trade, handling farm implements as well as a full line of dependable hardware. On June 16, 1891, Mr. Creed married Martha M. Shook, who was born at Manilla, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Bell) Shook, who had a family of seven children, the following surviving: Robert M., Charles C., Amanda, Ida and Martha. Mr. Shook followed the shoemaking trade at Manilla. Mr. and Mrs. Creed had one child, who died in infancy. They are members of the Christian church at Manilla. In politics Mr. Creed is a Democrat and while residing in Walker township, he served four years in the office of assessor. He is a past noble grand of Homer Lodge, No. 471, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

JESSE G. GRAY, a well known farmer of Jackson township, residing on rural mail route No. 8, out of Rushville, is a native son of Rush county, having been born in Jackson township on November 6, 1876. His parents, James and Polly A. (Cross) Gray, were also natives of this county and here the father followed farming throughout his active life, being the owner of 141 acres of land in Jackson township. To him and his wife were born three children, all of whom are living, namely: Frances C., Emma J. and Jesse G. Jesse G. Gray attended the Downey school, district No. 4, and then turned his attention to the cultivation of the home farm, remaining with his father until about thirteen years after his marriage. He then moved onto the place where he now lives, comprising eighty acres, which he

operates for his mother. He carries on general farming operations, raising all the crops common to this locality and also giving some attention to the raising of hogs, feeding and marketing about one hundred and fifty head a year. Mr. Gray was married on April 30, 1899, to Lola A. Havens, a native of Posey township and the daughter of John and Adonia (Able) Havens. Mr. and Mrs. Gray have a son, Wilbur, born on October 19, 1900, who attended the Osborn school, in his home township. Politically, Mr. Gray is a staunch advocate of the Democratic party and takes a deep interest in public affairs, especially as pertaining to his county and township. Fraternally, he is a member of Ivy Lodge, No. 27, Knights of Pythias, at Rushville. Personally, he is genial and companionable and his friends are in number as his acquaintances. On October 19, 1919, his nineteenth birthday, Wilbur Gray enlisted in the marine corps and served for five months. In the spring of 1921 he became a Freemason, taking the degrees in Phoenix lodge at Rushville.

CHASE G. CROSS, one of the successful young farmers of Jackson township whose capable management of his own business interests and his sound judgment have brought him prosperity, was born in that township on September 18, 1892, the son of John F. and Olive (Powell) Cross, who are mentioned specifically elsewhere in this work in the sketch of John F. Cross. The subject was educated in the schools of Rushville and immediately after quitting his studies he began working with his father, for whom he worked until his marriage. He then engaged in farming on his own account, renting two hundred and forty acres of land from his father and he has continued successfully to follow the vocation of farming, meeting with pronounced success. Besides the cultivation of the soil, Mr. Cross gives considerable attention to the raising of live stock, raising about 400 hogs and a carload of cattle each year. He is up-to-date in his ideas and has demonstrated his efficiency and capability in no uncertain manner. On October 25, 1911, Mr. Cross was married to Jennie M. Osborn, who was born in Shelby county, Indiana, but who was reared and educated in Rushville township, this county, graduating from the Rushville high school in 1908. She is the daughter of Lucian B. and Harvina (Gruell) Osborn. To Mr. and Mrs. Cross have been born three children, Olive, Mary Ellen and Annabelle. The first named is now attending school at Henderson. Politically, Mr. Cross gives his support to the Democratic party. Genial and companionable in disposition and courteous in manner, Mr. Cross enjoys a marked degree of popularity among all with whom he associates.

ALBERT W. RIGSBEE, a leading citizen and representative agriculturist of Posey township, has spent practically his entire life in that locality. His has been an active and useful life and he is thoroughly in sympathy with any movement looking toward the advancement of the best interests of his community. Mr. Rigsbee was born in Posey township on September 23, 1882, and is a son of Alveron and Clara E. (Swain) Rigsbee, both of whom also are natives of Posey township, Mr. Rigsbee having here followed agricultural pursuits during all of his active years. Of the two children

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Dr. Marshall Sexton
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The Sexton Hospital
1902

Dr. John C. Sexton
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Dr. Cullen Sexton
1920

born to him and his wife, the subject of this review is the only survivor. Albert W. Rigsbee received his educational training in the common and high schools of Posey township and after completing his studies he turned his attention to the farm where he now lives and which is owned by his mother, with whom he lives. His father died when the subject was but two years of age. The home farm comprises eighty acres and in addition to this Mrs. Rigsbee owns thirty-two and one-half acres in Posey township and Mr. Rigsbee twenty acres in the same township and sixty acres adjoining just across the line in Hanover township, Shelby county, which he rents, confining his personal efforts to his mother's land. He carries on general farming and also raises some live stock. He has put extensive repairs on the place and has erected some new buildings, placed new fencing and done a good deal of tiling, with the result that this farm now compares favorably with the best in the community. Mr. Rigsbee is a Republican in politics and stands high in the esteem of all who know him. He and his mother are charter members of the Indiana Society of Mayflower Descendants, attaining their membership by right of descent from John Howland, who came over in the "Mayflower" in 1620.

JOHN CHASE SEXTON, M. D. The outstanding name in the medical profession of Rush county is that of Sexton, four of the name having been prominent practitioners whose services have extended over a period covering nearly one hundred years. Dr. Horatio Gates Sexton, the grandfather of Dr. John C. Sexton, was among the earliest pioneers of the county. He was born in Wilbraham, Mass., January 21, 1796, a son of David Sexton of that city, and when a young man decided that there were greater opportunities for advancement in the western states of Ohio or Indiana than in the older settled parts of the country. Accordingly, he made his way toward the West, and while engaged in teaching at Harrison, Ohio, began the study of medicine under a Dr. Cruikshank. He had a natural talent as a doctor, and in about 1820 was far enough advanced in his studies to warrant his entering the ranks of the profession for himself, which he did, locating at Springboro, Warren county, Ohio. In 1822, he came to Indiana and located at Rushville, which at that time was nothing but a collection of modest cabins in the wilderness. His ability was soon recognized, and the confidence of the people resulted in his winning a fortune second to none in the county. He was one of the charter members of the Rush County Medical Society (1846), and took a keen interest in the welfare of that organization. He was also one of the founders of the Presbyterian church in Rushville, and remained one of its most ardent workers until the time of his death, June 13, 1865. He had married, in 1822, Hannah Pugh, of Springboro, Ohio, and to this union were born twelve children, of whom Marshall and Leonidas were two. The latter of these two sons came in later years to be one of the most prominent men of the state of Indiana—lieutenant governor of the state and representa-

tive in the forty-fifth Congress of the United States. Following the death of the mother of these children Doctor Sexton married Lucretia Cramer, and to that union was born one child, a son, Cramer Sexton, who is still living, now a resident of Tennessee. Dr. Marshall Sexton was born at Rushville, January 29, 1823, and after receiving his preliminary education in the schools there spent two years at Hanover College. He then began to study medicine with his father, and in the year 1842, was matriculated at Ohio Medical College from which he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1844. For ten years thereafter he practiced at Rushville with his father, continuing alone until the outbreak of the Civil war, in which he served as surgeon of the Fifty-second regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, until the spring of 1863, ill health then making it imperative that he resign his commission. He returned to civilian life at Rushville, where he remained until the long years of his successful practice were terminated by his death, January 9, 1892. He had been married in Wilmington, Ohio, in May, 1844, to Miss E. S. Brooks. They became the parents of five children, Horatio G.; Louise, afterward Mrs. George Havens; Mrs. Ruby H. Frazer, of Xenia, Ohio; Sally M., widow of Dr. Charles H. Parsons, of Rushville, and John Chase Dr. John Chase Sexton was born on January 21, 1859, at Rushville, and his early career was almost identical with that of his father. After being graduated from the Rushville high school in 1876, he entered Hanover College, and after nearly three years at that institution commenced the study of his profession under his father. In 1880 he went to Cincinnati to attend the Ohio Medical College, from which he was graduated in 1882 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He took up active practice in partnership with his father, but wishing to have further training along medical lines he later took post-graduate work at Philadelphia, New York, and Chicago. He was then equipped to take a commanding position in the profession, and he quickly became recognized as one of the ablest practitioners in the state. He is looked upon as an authority in gastro-intestinal surgery and was made professor of that chair at the Indiana University Medical College. In 1902 Doctor Sexton instituted the only hospital within the boundaries of Rush county, and at this building, which is located on Sixth street between Main and Perkins, he carries on his practice. On September 27, 1882, Doctor Sexton was married to Hannah Cullen, the only daughter of Judge William A. Cullen, who was for years one of the leaders in Rush county legal and judicial activities. To them have been born two children: Frances E. and Dr. Marshall Cullen Sexton, the latter of whom passed the state medical examination in 1920 with a high grade, after completing his medical course at Miami Medical College, and is now associated with his father in practice. Dr. John C. Sexton has always been active in the work of the medical associations and is an ex-Fellow of the American Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, a member of the American

Medical Association, a member of and ex-president of the Indiana Sate Medical Society, and a member of the Rush County Medical Society and the Union District Medical Society. The series of portraits accompanying this review portray the four generations of the Sexton family who have maintained a continuing practice in Rushville, with the dates of the respective service of each of the doctors, beginning with Dr. Horatio G. Sexton, whose practice continued from 1822 to 1865; Dr. Marshall Sexton, 1844-1892; Dr. John C. Sexton, continuing since 1882, and Dr. Cullen Sexton, 1920.

JOSEPH G. McCOY, a successful farmer of Posey township, was born in Rushville township, this county, on April 26, 1866, and is the son of Thomas and Mary (Moran) McCoy. Both of these parents were born in Ireland, but come to this country, he when three years of age and she at the age of thirteen years. Their families located in Niagara county, New York, where they were reared and married. Immediately after the latter event they came to Indiana, and engaged in farming in Rush county. He met with splendid success and at the time of his death was the owner of 465 acres of land. This worthy couple became the parents of eight children, all of whom are living, namely: John, Frank, Joseph G., Rose, Thomas, Mary, William and Elizabeth. Joseph G. McCoy received his educational training in the public schools of Walker township and Rushville. He early turned his attention to farming and remained under the parental roof until his marriage. He then went to work on his own account and rented a farm from his father, which he continued to operate as rented land for thirteen years, or until his father's death, when he inherited the land and it is still his home. He carries on a general line of farming and also handles some live stock, raising about eighty head of hogs annually. On October 24, 1899, Mr. McCoy was married to Elizabeth Schattner, who was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, the daughter of Henry and Mary Schattner, both of whom were born in Germany, coming to the United States in their childhood. He became a cabinet maker by trade. To Mr. and Mrs. McCoy have been born six children: Thomas, John, George, Joseph, Edith and Stella, all of whom are living. Politically, Mr. McCoy is an ardent supporter of the Democratic ticket. Religiously, he is a member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic church at Rushville. Mr. McCoy is a member of Council, No. 769, Knights of Columbus, at Rushville, to which his sons, Thomas and John, also belong, the former holding the office of outer guard.

ROBERT SIMPSON DAVIS, a successful farmer of Rush county who conducts his agricultural operations in Richland township from his home in Rushville, was born in Anderson township, this county, on August 14, 1859, the son of Samuel H. and Mary E. (Henry) Davis, both natives of Maysville, Fleming county, Kentucky. Samuel H. Davis was born on June 3, 1831, the son of Robert and Elizabeth (Henry) Davis, both natives of Fleming county, Kentucky. Robert Davis, familiarly known as "Uncle Bobby," became one of the most widely known men in Rush county, having come here in an early day and acquired 120 acres of land. He left Kentucky when

his son Samuel was six years of age, located in Richland township, and here the boy grew to manhood. He received his education in the primitive schools of the times and then took up farming. When he engaged in business for himself it was on a farm of 240 acres in Anderson township that his wife had inherited. When he moved onto the place it was almost a virgin forest, but he cleared the land, living the while in a log cabin, and as the years passed brought it out of its wild state into a well-improved farm. He increased his holdings to 580 acres, all lying in Anderson and Richland township, and on his farms he did a general farming and stock raising business. He was one of the pioneers of the sheep industry in this county, entering extensively into this department of stock raising, and having as high as 1,200 head on hand at a time. He also would feed out between seventy-five and 100 head of hogs, usually ran a car load of cattle a year, and in addition dealt largely in fine horses. His thrift and industry were well rewarded, but he did not allow his prosperity to blind him to the needs of others. He gave largely to the poor, and was one of the best beloved and most highly respected men of the entire community. To him and his wife were born six children: Henry, who is living at Milroy, this county; Robert Simpson, Elizabeth, Mrs. Ed Spradling, of Rushville, John, Mae, Mrs. John W. Anderson, and Charles, living at Milroy. Robert Simpson Davis attended No. 4 school house in Richland township, and also the old Richland Academy, a far-famed institution of learning of the time, after leaving which he took up farming with his father. He then for a time engaged in business for himself as a renter, and then was able to buy a farm of 116 acres in Richland township. In 1896, he went into the livery business in Rushville, and for nineteen years continued to be successfully engaged in that capacity. He was the owner of a fine string of from ten to fifty horses, but when it became evident to him that the automobile was to supersede the horse he sold out and went into the meat business, conducting an excellent market for some time. This he kept but also returned to his first calling, farming, buying a farm of eighty acres in Richland township, and the management of this together with the cares of his meat business keep him busily employed. He was united in matrimony to Ida Margaret, the daughter of Freeman and Lucinda Ellston. Mr. Davis has always been counted among the strong supporters of the Republican party, and while he has never sought political preferment for himself, he takes a keen interest in all local and national affairs. In his fraternal connections he is a member of the Knights of Pythias. Mrs. Davis is a member of the Christian church.

DORA M. HILLIGOSS, a well known farmer of Rushville township, living on rural mail route No. 4 out of Rushville, was born in that township on August 22, 1863, son of Ira C. and Elizabeth (English) Hilligoss, both of whom were born, reared and educated in that same township. The father followed farming all his life in that locality and became the owner of 240 acres of land in Rushville and Walker townships. To him and his wife were born two children, the subject of this sketch and Joanna, who is deceased. Dora M.

Hilligoss received his education in the Webb school, district No. 10, Rushville township, and thereafter he applied himself to work on the home farm up to the time of his marriage. He then engaged in farming on his own account on a farm of eighty acres which he had inherited from his father some time prior to his marriage. He also rented more land from his father-in-law. During the subsequent years he has been successful in his labors and is now, with his wife, the owner of 340 acres of land in Rush county. He and his son operate 206 acres of this land, the balance being rented out. Mr. Hilligoss carries on general farming operations and also gives some attention to the raising of live stock. His farm is well improved and is rated as one of the best farms in Rush county. On January 10, 1884, Mr. Hilligoss was married to Emma Ramsey, who was born in Anderson township, this county, the daughter of Eugene and Ann M. (Tyler) Ramsey, the former a native of Cumberland Gap, Va., and the latter of Anderson township, this county. Mr. Ramsey came to Rush county in an early day and here spent the remainder of his days, being engaged in farming. He owned 160 acres of land in Anderson township. To him and wife were born two children, Emma (wife of the subject) and one who died in infancy. To Mr. and Mrs. Hilligoss have been born three children, Leona May, born August 13, 1885; Lavon Estel, December 11, 1886, who died on June 2, 1908, and Elsa Mivard, born on January 31, 1893. Leona May Hilligoss married Casper Johnson, son of Lafayette Johnson and a farmer of this county, and has three children, Viola Lavon, Chlorine Bernice and Dora Lafayette. Lavon Estel Hilligoss married Bert Osborn, son of L. B. Osborn, also a farmer of this county. To this union one child was born, a son, Lowell Marshall. Mrs. Osborn was a noted horsewoman and drove at many of the horse shows given in this section of Indiana. Elsa Mivard Hilligoss married Nellie Logan, daughter of Ora Logan, and is farming on the Hilligoss home place. He and his wife have two children, Lavon Estel and Harold Eugene. Mr. and Mrs. Hilligoss are earnest members of the Main Street Christian Church in Rushville. Mr. Hilligoss is a staunch supporter of the Democratic party, while, fraternally, he is a member of Ivy Lodge No. 27, Knights of Pythias, at Rushville, and Lodge No. 1307, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Mrs. Hilligoss is a member of and holds official position in the Pythian Sisters. Since 1908 the Hilligoss family has been holding an annual reunion, the organization having been perfected by Mrs. Hilligoss and the late Levi Hilligoss, of Foley, Minn. Mrs. Dora M. Hilligoss is secretary of the association, and has been for ten years. In 1913 Levi Hilligoss published a history of the Hilligoss family, a profusely illustrated book of more than 200 pages.

THOMAS HEATON, for nearly three-quarters of a century an honored resident of Rush county, and for the greater part of this time a successful agriculturist of Noble township, is widely and favorably known to the people of this community. He was born in Noble township, December 27, 1848, a son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Armstrong) Heaton, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter

of Rush county. Joseph Heaton was three years old when he was brought from the Keystone state by his parents, John Heaton and wife, who settled in Rush county and entered land in Noble township, on which they spent the balance of their honorable and well-ordered lives. Joseph Heaton grew to manhood in this community, where he followed in his father's footsteps and adopted farming as his life work, a vocation which he followed throughout his career, and in which he attained marked success, accumulating 305 acres. He and his wife were the parents of six children, of whom three are living: John, Thomas and Sanford. Thomas Heaton received his education in the public schools of Noble township, after leaving which he associated himself with his father in the cultivation of the home place, and remained with the elder man until his marriage. He then struck out for himself, and for the next thirty years or more was occupied in farming as a renter. In 1900 he purchased the property on which he now resides, a tract of eighty acres, on which he carries on general farming and feeds out about fifty hogs annually. He is practical and progressive in his aims and methods, and is accounted one of the well-informed men of his locality, not alone upon the subject of farming, but along other lines. In politics Mr. Heaton is a Democrat, but has not sought political preferment or public office. He married Mary, daughter of William Willis, and they have two children: Thornton, who married Maud Benedict, and Myrtle, who married Ellis Culbertson and has two children, Helen and Bethel.

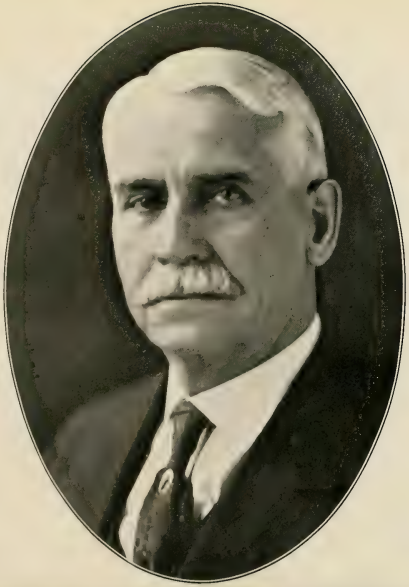
CHARLES H. PARSONS, M. D., who died at his home in Rushville in the spring of 1921, was one of the oldest and best known physicians and surgeons in this section of Indiana, a member of one of the old families of Rush county, for many years a recognized leader in the social and civic life of his community, a man whose good works and useful achievements had endeared him in the hearts of his fellowmen, and at his passing left a memory which will long endure in the community in which his life of faithful endeavor had been passed. It thus seems fitting that there should here be carried some brief memorial of this useful life in this volume commemorative of a centenary of civic organization in Rush county. Doctor Parsons was a native son of Rush county and had ever held the interests of his home county as the uppermost motive of his activities. He was born on the old Parsons homestead place in Rushville township, a short distance northeast of the city of Rushville, January 28, 1855, a son of Mathias and Mary (Dill) Parsons, both of whom were members of pioneer families in this county and whose last days were spent here. The Doctor's early schooling was received at Rushville and following his graduation from the high school he entered the old Northwestern Christian University (now Butler College) at Indianapolis, from whence, after a course in the "humanities," he went to Cincinnati and entered the Ohio Medical College, where he spent one year. In 1876 he went to New York and there entered the Bellevue Hospital Medical College, from which institution he was graduated in March, 1878, with the degree of doctor of medicine and

surgery. Thus admirably equipped for the practice of the noble profession to which he had devoted his life, Doctor Parsons returned to Rushville and entered upon a professional career which was marked with much success, continuing actively engaged in practice until a few years prior to his death, his later years being marked by a retirement from his professional duties, save such as he felt in duty bound to continue as "the old family physician," and in these later years he found much relaxation in looking after the affairs of the Parsons farm northeast of the city. Doctor Parsons was a busy man and was not content to be idle; the "leisure" of his practice being occupied much of the time in attention to public affairs and had served variously in positions of public trust and responsibility. He was an ardent Democrat, for years regarded as one of the leaders of that party in this county, and for four years served as a member of the Rushville city council, his term of service in that connection expiring in December, 1913. It is recalled in this connection that the Doctor was very sincere in his efforts to perform a real public service and his incumbency was marked by much valuable service to the city. Doctor Parsons was for years a member of the local pension board and during the period of America's participation in the World war also rendered valuable service as a member of the medical advisory board for the physical examination of men registered for service. The Doctor was a faithful member of the Main Street Christian Church and had for years been an office bearer in the same as well as an earnest teacher in the Sunday school, for several years teacher of the men's Century class and in recent years teacher of a woman's class. Doctor Parsons died at his home, 410 North Main street, at 12:15 p. m., Saturday, March 5, 1921, and his widow is still making her home there. The only other close family survivor is the Doctor's sister, Mrs. Mary Parrish, of Indianapolis. Mrs. Parsons also is a member of one of the old families of Rush county and has lived here all her life. She was born in Rushville, Sallie Sexton, daughter of Dr. Marshall Sexton and his wife Elizabeth, of excellent memory and further and fitting mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume, together with portraits of four successive generations of Doctors Sexton who have practiced their profession in this county. She was united in marriage to Doctor Parsons on December 17, 1878, and to this union one child was born, a son, John Parsons, who died in 1893.

WALLACE G. MORGAN, attorney-at-law at Rushville and one of the best known lawyers in the Sixth district, was born in this county and has lived here all his life, a practicing attorney since the days of his young manhood, formerly associated in the practice of law with his father, the late David S. Morgan, and now associated in practice with Gates Ketchum. Mr. Morgan was born on a farm in Richland township on May 8, 1866, son of David S. and Mary E. (McIlwain) Morgan, the latter of whom years ago was a teacher in the old Richland Academy. David S. Morgan was a Kentuckian by birth who at the age of eighteen years came to Indiana with his parents, Samuel Morgan and wife, the family locating in Richland township, this county. David S. Morgan completed his schooling in

the Richland Academy and thereafter for many years taught school in that township, teaching during the winter seasons. In the meantime he took up the study of law, was presently admitted to the bar and in 1881 moved to Rushville, where he opened an office for the practice of the profession to which he had devoted his talents and there continued in practice the remainder of his life, his death occurring in 1905. David S. Morgan and wife were the parents of five children, sons all, three of whom are still living, the subject of this biographical sketch having two brothers, Samuel and William O. Morgan. The deceased were Rosco and Bert Morgan. Wallace G. Morgan was about seventeen years of age when his parents moved from Richland township to Rushville and he completed his schooling in the Rushville schools. Under the able preceptorship of his father he early entered upon the study of law and upon his admission to the bar formed a partnership with his father in the practice of that profession and this mutually agreeable association continued until the death of the elder Morgan in 1905. Not long after the death of his father Mr. Morgan formed a partnership with Douglas Morris and this firm had a wide practice. One of Mr. Morgan's legal connections of considerable consequence is that as attorney for the Dollings Investment Company of Indianapolis. Mr. Morgan's wife, *nee* Mary McLaughlan, also was born in Rush county, a member of one of the county's old families, and she and Mr. Morgan ever have taken an interested part in the general social activities of the community, helpful in promoting and furthering all movements having to do with the common good hereabout. In his political affiliation Mr. Morgan is a Democrat and for many years has been regarded as one of the leaders of that party in Rush county and throughout the Sixth district. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Masonic lodge at Rushville.

CHESTER F. CROSS, one of the conspicuous figures in agricultural circles in Jackson township, is essentially a man of affairs, of sound judgment, keen discernment and far-seeing in what he undertakes, and his extensive interests are but the legitimate fruitage of consecutive effort, directed and controlled by good judgment and correct business principles. Mr. Cross is a native of Jackson township, born there on August 25, 1883, the son of John F. and Olive (Powell) Cross, who are represented in a personal sketch elsewhere in this work. The subject was educated in the Osborn school and on completing his studies he devoted himself to the work of the home farm, remaining with his father up to the time of his marriage. He then engaged in farming on his own account on the land where he now lives and has continued here to the present time. He now owns 160 acres in this farm, and 100 acres elsewhere in Jackson township, making his total holdings 260 acres. He keeps his farms up to the highest standard of excellence, both as regards buildings and the condition of the soil, and is regarded as a thoroughly up-to-date and progressive farmer. Mr. Cross gives considerable attention to live stock, raising from 400 to 500 hogs each year, in addition to which he buys about 250 head, so that altogether he feeds about 650 head a year. He also feeds about two car loads of cattle annually. On



MR. AND MRS. PERRY T. INNIS

March 20, 1904, Chester F. Cross was married to Carrie J. Northam, who was born and reared in Posey township, the daughter of Jasper N. and Kate (Coffin) Northam. Her parents were both natives of Rush county, the father having cultivated a farm in Posey township for a number of years. They became the parents of five children, all of whom are living, namely: Carrie, Russell, Merrill, Thelma and Katherine. Mr. and Mrs. Cross have one child, Tracy, born in 1904, who is now a student in the Rushville high school. Mr. Cross is a staunch supporter of the Democratic party, and is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, holding membership in all the bodies of that order at Rushville up to and including the commandery of Knights Templar; he is also a member of Murat Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Indianapolis, and Lodge No. 1307, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, at Rushville. Personally, Mr. Cross possesses to a marked degree those qualities which win friendships and he is a popular member of the circles in which he moves.

PERRY T. INNIS, president of the Milroy Bank at Milroy and long recognized as one of the most progressive and substantial business men of Rush county, has been a resident of this county all his life and has ever been interested in community betterment and advancement. He was born on a farm in Anderson township on January 12, 1855, son of William W. and Jennie (Buchanan) Innis, the former also a native of this county and the latter of Bourbon county, Kentucky, well known and influential residents of the Milroy neighborhood in their generation and whose last days were spent here. William W. Innis, who was the founder of the Innis-Pierce Furniture Company at Rushville and whose name ever will be inseparably associated with that concern, was born on a farm in Anderson township, son of Alexander and Christina (Kirkpatrick) Innis, the latter of whom also was born in Indiana, a member of one of the pioneer families of this region. Alexander Innis was a Pennsylvanian who left his home in the old Keystone state in the days of his young manhood and came to Indiana, locating in Rush county, where he married Christina Kirkpatrick and established his home on a farm in Anderson township, developing a fine piece of property there and there spending the rest of his life, a helpful factor in the development and prosperity of that community. He and his wife were the parents of six children, those besides William W. having been James, Andrew, Eliza, Ellen and Lucinda. Reared an a farm, William W. Innis for a time after starting out "for himself" was engaged in farming in his home township, but presently left the farm and moved to Rushville where he became engaged in the coal and lumber business, later becoming associated with William M. Pierce in the manufacture of furniture at Rushville under the firm name of the Innis-Pierce Furniture Company, built up an extensive plant and a fine business and was thus engaged the rest of his active life, one of the most influential factors in the development of the industrial activities of the city of Rushville. William

W. Innis was for years an elder in the United Presbyterian church and he and his wife were ever concerned in community good works. They were the parents of five children, those besides the subject of this sketch being Elizabeth, Mary Ellen, Robert and Arie, the latter of whom died in infancy. Perry T. Innis "grew up" on the home farm in Anderson township and supplemented the schooling obtained in the Milroy schools by a course in the old Richland Academy, after which he became engaged in farming on his father's place, later engaging in the same vocation on his own account and became the owner of a fine farm of 160 acres in the vicinity of Milroy on which he established his home and on which he was actively engaged in farming and live stock raising until his retirement from the farm to become engaged in banking. It was in 1904 that the Bank of Milroy was organized and at the first meeting of the stockholders for organization Mr. Innis was elected president of the institution, a position which he ever since has held and in the exercise of which office he has made himself a strong figure in the commercial life of this section of the state. In 1906 Mr. Innis moved from the farm to Milroy and shortly afterward began to give his whole time to the affairs of the bank and is still thus engaged, he and his associates having built up a strong and continually growing banking institution there. On January 1, 1878, Perry T. Innis was united in marriage to Flora Tompkins, daughter of G. W. and Eliza Tompkins, of this county, and to this union two children were born, sons both, Harry Innis, now a resident of Indianapolis, and Rex A. Innis, who married Mary Hammond and makes his home on a farm in Rushville township. Mrs. Flora Innis died on September 23, 1918. Mr. Innis is a member of the United Presbyterian church at Milroy, in the general activities of which congregation he has for years taken an earnest interest and has long served the congregation as a member of the church session. He is a Republican and in his fraternal relations is a Mason.

LEWIS EDGAR HARCOURT, a member of the advisory board of Anderson township and a substantial retired farmer of that township now living at Milroy, was born in Rush county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in Orange township on October 16, 1862, son of James A. and Harriette (Kealer) Harcourt, who in their generation were among the best known and most influential residents of that community, and whose last days were spent in this county. James A. Harcourt was born in Rush county of pioneer parents and grew to manhood on the old home farm in Orange township, in time becoming a farmer on his own account and as his affairs prospered became the owner of two farms, one of 120 acres, a part of the old home place, and another of 240 acres. He is well remembered hereabout as the patentee and manufacturer of the Harcourt Hoosier grain drill, a device which had a wide popularity throughout this region in the days before the one-way drill was introduced. For some time after patenting the Hoosier drill he manufactured the device on his farm, his little shop being operated

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by horse power, and he would turn out ten or twelve machines a year simply for the use of the neighbors, but as the popularity of the drill extended and demands began to come in from other sections he bought the old Scull woolen mill on Big Flat Rock, two and a half miles north of Moscow, and equipped the plant for the manufacture of 1,000 or more of the drills a year. This manufacture he kept up until the improved drills entered the general market, when he abandoned the business and retired to his farm in Orange township and was there engaged in farming the rest of his life. James A. Harcourt and wife were the parents of nine children, five of whom are still living, those besides the subject of this sketch being Alonzo Harcourt, of Orange township; Melissa, wife of John Hungerford, of that same township; Elmazie, wife of John Hardick, of Rushville, and Wilbur Harcourt, the well known blacksmith. Lewis E. Harcourt was reared on the home farm in Orange township, received his schooling in the excellent schools of that neighborhood and until he was twenty-three years of age was engaged in work in his father's drill factory. He then rented his father's farm in Anderson township and thus occupied that place until after his father's death. In the distribution of the estate he received a tract of forty acres, to which by purchase he added an adjoining "forty." This place he presently sold and then bought the old Rickets farm of 117 acres, moved to the same and there made his home for fourteen years, at the end of which time he retired from the active labors of the farm and moved to Milroy, where he has a very pleasant home and where he and his family are quite comfortably situated. Mr. Harcourt is an ardent Republican, as was his father before him, and has ever given his earnest attention to local civic affairs, at present and for some time past serving the public as a member of the advisory board of Anderson township. In 1886 Lewis E. Harcourt was united in marriage to Martha C. Hodges, who also was born in this county, daughter of Alfred Hodges, and to this union five children have been born, Faud, Ertel, Callie, Clifford and Jewel (deceased). Faud Harcourt married Nellie Whiteman, who died leaving one child, a little daughter, Lois. Ertel Harcourt married Grace Kiplinger and Clifford Harcourt married Carrie Brown. Mr. and Mrs. Harcourt are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and have ever taken an interested and active part in church work, Mr. Harcourt now and for some time past serving as a member of the board of trustees of the church.

ALBERT M. ROBINSON, plumber, an enterprising business man of Manilla, Ind., was born there January 1, 1868, a member of old Rush county families, both parents having been born and reared in this part of Indiana. They were John T. and Martha U. (Titus) Robinson, and had two children, Albert M. being the only one now living. John T. Robinson was an engineer and also a carpenter and was well known at Manilla. Albert M. Robinson attended the Goddard and Homer schools in Walker township, until old enough to become self-supporting, when he began farm work and for five years was engaged as a farm hand. Following this he cut timber for W. E. Talbert, for about ten years and then went into the plumbing

business at Manilla, some nineteen years ago, in which business he has continued ever since. On October 24, 1892, Mr. Robinson married Catherine E. Hey, born in Shelby county, Indiana, daughter of Jacob and Amanda (Ross) Hey, and one of their two children. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson have had five children: William E., who is a farmer in Shelby county, married Lucy Kuhn; Evon E., who married C. P. Hale, freight agent for the Pennsylvania railroad at New Albany, Ind.; Flo and Loren, who reside at home, and Dorothy, who died at the age of seven years. Mr. Robinson and his family are members of the Christian church at Manilla. Although never very active in politics, Mr. Robinson has always been a sturdy Democrat and takes a good citizen's interest in public affairs. He is a member of the Masonic lodge at Manilla and belongs also to the Modern Woodmen.

JOHN D. FLEENER, who died at his home in Jackson township on April 3, 1917, and whose widow still lives there, having a pleasant home on rural mail route No. 8 out of Rushville, was born in that township on November 25, 1843. His parents were Drury and Sarah M. (Dill) Fleener, the former a native of North Carolina and the latter born and reared in Rush county. John D. Fleener received his educational training in the local public schools in Jackson township. After completing his studies he continued to live on the home place with his father, assisting him in the operation of the farm up to the time of his marriage. He then began farming on his own account on the place where his widow now lives, and which comprises eighty-five acres of land, a part of which land he inherited and a part of which he bought. He successfully carried on farming operations for many years and won a high reputation as a wide-awake, up-to-date and enterprising farmer. On April 6, 1865, Mr. Fleener was united in marriage to Sarah M. (Downey), who was born in Jackson township, and attended the Downey school, the same which her husband attended. She is the daughter of James and Rebecca (Hinton) Downey, both of whom were natives of Kentucky. They came to Rush county soon after their marriage and entered the land where he spent the remainder of his days, the place comprising eighty acres. He and his wife were the parents of nine children, five of whom are living, namely: David E., Ezekiel, Martha, May and Sarah M. To Mr. and Mrs. Fleener was born one child, Nolen D., on March 21, 1888, but who died at the age of eleven years, seven months ond twenty-two days. Mr. Fleener was an earnest and consistent member of the Christian church, to which his widow now belongs. Politically, he was a life-long Democrat, though never an aspirant for public office. He was one of Jackson township's most substantial and highly esteemed citizens and the many beautiful tributes to his high standing as a man and citizen attested to the abiding place he had in the hearts of his friends throughout this locality.

CHARLES T. ADDISON, who has been prominently identified with the agricultural life of Posey township for years, was born in Hancock county, Indiana, on February 19, 1879, and is a son of Thomas J. and Elizabeth M. (Cathon) Addison, the former a native of

Shelby county, Indiana, and the latter born and reared in Rush county. Thomas J. Addison was a farmer by vocation throughout his active life, mostly confining his operations to Hancock county, though he was the owner of 327 acres of land in Shelby, Rush and Hancock counties. To him and his wife were born five children, all of whom are living, namely: William A., Delphina, Orlando F., Charles T. and Ruth A. Charles T. Addison received his education in Rush county, attending the Clark school. He remained at home, assisting his father in the farm work, until his marriage, when he rented a tract of land from his father and began work on his own account. At the time of his father's death, the subject inherited forty acres of land and he also bought fifty-two acres, giving him a total of ninety-two acres, all located in Posey township, and to the cultivation of this land he has since devoted his attention, meeting with splendid success. He is progressive and up-to-date in his methods, keeping the place in good repair, and carries on a diversified system of farming, raising the crops common to this locality. He also gives some attention to live stock, raising and marketing about 150 head of hogs annually. On December 12, 1900, Mr. Addison was married to Beulah D. Collins, a native of Rush county, and the daughter of Eli and Nannie May (Beckner) Collins, and to their union have been born three children, Delphina M., Mary M. and Eli F., all of whom are attending the public school at Arlington. Mr. and Mrs. Addison are earnest members of the Friends church at Riverside. Politically, Mr. Addison gives his support to the Democratic party. He takes a keen interest in public affairs and gives his support to every movement for the advancement of the general welfare.

JOHN H. HEEB, of Noble township, is representative of the progressive agricultural element of Rush county. He was born in Fayette county, Indiana, April 19, 1863, a son of Philip P. and Julia A. (Thompson) Heeb, the latter a native of Rush county. Philip P. Heeb was born in Germany and was a child of seven years when brought to the United States, the family coming on out to Indiana and first settling in Franklin county. There the youth acquired his educational training in the country schools, but when he was fourteen years of age removed to the home of his brother-in-law at Orange. While residing there he became apprentice to the trade of wagon and buggy making, after mastering which he followed that vocation for a number of years. Later he turned his attention to farming near Glenwood, in Noble township, where he purchased 150 acres, and continued to carry operations thereon until his death in 1904. He was a man of industry and good judgment, and a citizen who had the respect and esteem of those among whom he spent his life. He and his worthy wife, who was a native of Rush county, were the parents of three children: John H., Walter S. and Elizabeth Mertie, who married Oscar Churchill, who is deceased. John H. Heeb acquired his educational training in the public schools of Orange, Ind., and Noble township, and on leaving school applied himself to learning all the particulars of the business of farming, under the able direction of his father. He remained with the elder man until the time of his

marriage, when he embarked upon operations on his own account, taking over the ownership, with his wife, of his present farm of sixty-five acres, located in Noble township. Mr. Heeb is a general farmer and a grower of live stock, in both of which departments he has made a success. On December 22, 1886, he was united in marriage to Elizabeth, daughter of Isaac J. and Elizabeth (Gregg) Harrell, and to this union there have been born three children: Bon W., who married Lula Pullman and has three children, Newell W., Mary Elizabeth and Helen B.; Earl, who married Olive Stevens and has one child, Ruth Lorene, and Hazel T., who married Ed. F. Moore and has one child, William Wallace. Mrs. Heeb was born on the property on which she is now making her home, her parents being respectively natives of Harrison, Ind., and Rush county. Isaac J. Harrell came to Rush county in young manhood and engaged in farming, and here resided the rest of his life. He married Elizabeth Gregg, daughter of Judge John Gregg, who came to Rush county at an early day from Kentucky and entered land in Noble township from the Government, on which he erected a log cabin. He became widely and favorably known as a man of influence in his community. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Harrell, Elizabeth and George. Mr. Heeb is a Democrat, but is not a politician. He and his wife are generous supporters af various movements, educational, religious and civic, and are held in high esteem in the community in which they have spent so many years.

LINCOLN GUFFIN, proprietor of the Guffin Dry Goods Company's store at Rushville, and one of that city's popular and progressive business men, is a native of Rush county, having been born in Noble township, September 23, 1864, a son of Andrew and Clara (Brooks) Guffin, both of Rush county. Andrew Guffin spent his entire life in the county, owning 300 acres of land in Noble township, and was recognized as one of the shrewd and able agriculturists of the community until the time of his death in 1903. He and his wife reared a family of nine children: Alice, who married Dr. W. T. Cooper; O. F., Lincoln, Nellie, who married O. J. Myers; Lucy, who married Alonzo Keisling; Andrew, Claude, Maude, who married John K. Stiers, and Theodosia, who married Claude B. Hunt. Lincoln Guffin was educated in the common schools of the county and at Little Flat Rock Seminary, from which he was graduated in 1884. Thereafter he taught school and assisted his father about the farm, teaching for three years at the Hinchman school and then at New Salem. He then gave up the profession of educator in favor of farming, continuing on the land until the spring of 1893, when he removed to Rushville, being first employed as a clerk by William Bliss. After one year in this position, he clerked for six years for Frank Wilson, leaving him to go into partnership in the clothing business with W. G. Mulno. He continued successfully in this business for eleven years and then sold out his interests to Mr. Mulno to open up his present dry goods establishment with his sister-in-law as his able assistant. Mr. Guffin says that the present volume of his business is largely due to her ability as a business woman and dry

goods specialist. Mr. Guffin was married on November 20, 1890, to Nettie Myers, a daughter of John S. and Mary (Holman) Myers, and it was after her death in March, 1893, that he moved to Rushville. He was married to Leora Trusler on November 29, 1896. Both Mr. and Mrs. Guffin are devout members of the Christian church, in which Mr. Guffin was at one time a deacon and also an elder, as well as chairman of the official board. Mr. Guffin has the distinction of being the first president of the Rush County Chautauqua, which ranks second only to that at Winona. Fraternally he is Mason and a Knight of Pythias, and in his political views, holds to the principles of the Republican party.

CHARLEY DAVIS, a substantial farmer of Anderson township, now living at Milroy, to which pleasant village he moved upon retiring from the active labor of the farm a year or two ago, who for the past ten years has rendered efficient public service as a member of the county council and in other ways has manifested his intelligent interest in public affairs, has been a resident of Rush county all his life and is warmly devoted to the county's best interests. Mr. Davis was born on a farm and has been a farmer all his life, having during the active period of his career as an agriculturist developed an excellent piece of property and has also gained something more than a local reputation as a breeder of live stock. He was born in Anderson township on November 29, 1875, son of Samuel H. and Mary E. (Henry) Davis, both of whom were natives of Kentucky, the parents of seven children, six of whom are still living, those besides the subject of this sketch being J. Henry, Robert S., Elizabeth, John S. and May Davis. Reared on the home farm, Charley Davis completed his schooling at Richland and from the days of his boyhood was engaged in the work of the farm and thus grew up to be an excellent farmer under the careful direction of his father. Upon starting out "for himself" he bought a tract of 120 acres of the home place and there established his home. In addition to his general farming Mr. Davis gave considerable attention to the raising of live stock and has been accustomed to feed out about 300 head of hogs a year and a car load of cattle. His affairs prospered and in 1918 he bought an additional tract of 160 acres of the old home place and thus has now a farm of 280 acres and one of the best equipped farm plants in that part of the county. In December, 1919, Mr. Davis moved from the farm to Milroy, at which place he some time before had bought a house pleasantly situated and he and his family are now living there, though he continues to give his farm a proper measure of his personal attention, keeping a close supervisory eye over the operation of the same. Mr. Davis is an ardent Republican and has for years given his thoughtful attention to local public affairs. In 1910 he was elected a member of the county council from his district and has since been retained in that office, to the discharge of the important duties of which he has given his most earnest attention, and is thus widely and popularly known throughout the county. On December 17, 1902, Charley Davis was united in marriage to Mildred B. Meek, who was born in Decatur county.

daughter of John T. and Florence Eugenia (Bonner) Meek, natives of Kentucky, and to this union one child has been born, a daughter, Florence Louise. Mr. and Mrs. Davis are members of the Methodist church and have ever given their interested attention to church affairs as well as to the general social affairs of their home neighborhood, helpful in promoting all causes having to do with the advancement of the common good hereabout. Mr. Davis is a thirty-second degree Mason, affiliated with the local blue lodge and with the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Indianapolis, and is likewise a Noble of the Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, affiliated with Murat Temple at Indianapolis. He also is a member of the Rushville lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and in the affairs of these several fraternal organizations takes a warm interest.

J. M. AMOS was born on the farm upon which he now lives in Noble township, March 4, 1854, and has ever maintained the standards there set in their respective generations by his father and his grandfather, thus projecting the usefulness of his family into a later and more progressive period. Mr. Amos is a grandson of Joseph J. Amos, who came to Rush county about 1822 and entered land near where Milroy came to be located, proved up on it and then returned to his native Kentucky, where he engaged in the mercantile business at Ruddles Mills. A strong anti-slavery man, in 1842 he decided to leave a community which countenanced the purchase and sale of human beings, and accordingly returned to Indiana and settled in Rush county, purchasing the farm in Noble township that is now the property of his grandson, on which he lived until his death in 1890, when he was eighty-six years of age. Through business ability, wise investment and a shrewd appreciation of values, he became one of the leading landholders in the county, and at one time owned 2,200 acres. A man of education, he gave thought and study to the serious things of life, and was one of the active members and liberal supporters of the Methodist Protestant church, and assisted to build several houses of worship of that denomination in this community. He was likewise a great friend of education and endowed a chair at Adrian (Mich.) Normal School, for $22,500. Mr. Amos was the father of four children: Johanan, Van Buren, Aeretta and Mary. J. Amos, father of J M. Amos, was about fifteen years of age when brought from his native Bourbon county, Kentucky, to Rush county, in 1842, and here he completed his schooling in the district schools. As a young man he engaged in farming, but was more interested in trading and gradually developed into one of the leading traders in mules in the county, particularly during the Civil war. With a promising career before him, he was called by death when still a comparatively young man, in his thirty-seventh year, January 16, 1864. Mr. Amos married Amanda Hildreth, also a native of Bourbon county, Kentucky, and they became the parents of five children: Iaffard Kossuth, Johanan Mazzini, Willard Hildreth, Anna

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Rebecca and Joseph J. J. M. Amos received his education in the district schools of Noble township, after leaving which he took up farming on the home place, where he has always resided and operated as a general farmer and grower of live stock. He is now the owner of 606 acres, in Rushville and Noble townships, the improvements on which are all of his own building. He and his son, William, who is his associate, feed about 700 hogs annually, and raise about 200 acres of corn and 175 acres of wheat. His modern improvements include three sets of buildings and the latest and most highly approved machinery of every kind. During the heyday of horseracing in this country, Mr. Amos gained much more than a local reputation as a breeder of fast horses, and bred and owned thirty horses that had a record of better than 2:30. Among these was "Legal Tender," a pacer, 2:27, and sire of "Alhambra," 2:08¼, the fastest horse ever bred in Rush county, which paced a quarter of a mile in 27 seconds. Mr. Amos is one of the liberal-minded and progressive men of his community, has various other interests aside from his farm, and is a director of the Co-operative Telephone Company, of Rushville, and of the Rushville National Bank. He is a Republican, and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He has always demonstrated his willingness to discharge the duties of good citizenship and for three years served in the capacity of county ditch commissioner. On December 23, 1873, Mr. Amos married Estella J. Poston, daughter of George W. and Nancy (McNeal) Poston, and to this union there have been born five children: William M., who married Mildred Moore and has four children, Elizabeth, Anna Louise, Robert and Margaret; Ethel, who married George Nicoll and has two children, David Amos and William; Luella, who married Albert Capp and has two children, Ellen and Fred; Georgia, who married George Donley, and Clorine, who married J. Kennard Allen.

R. O. KENNEDY, M. D., although one of the latest additions to the medical fraternity of Rushville, has already made remarkable progress in gaining the confidence and support of the citizens of the community. He was born March 28, 1879, in Hendricks county, Indiana, on a farm south of Lizton, the son of R. E. and Susan (Overstreet) Kennedy, the former of near Paris, Ky., the latter of Hendricks county. R. E. Kennedy moved to Hendricks county when he was four years old with his parents. There he received his education in the public schools and grew to manhood. For his entire active life he followed agricultural sursuits, moving to Lizton when he retired. Jacob Kennedy, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was one of the pioneers of Hendricks county and became known as a prominent nursery man and breeder of thoroughbred Berkshire hogs, Shropshire sheep, and Percheron horses. R. E. Kennedy and wife were the parents of three children: Elmer W., R. O., and Vangie. Dr. R. O. Kennedy attended the public schools of Hendricks county and was graduated with the first class to receive diplomas from the Lizton high school. He then took up the profes-

sion of teaching, continuing in it for nine years and augmenting his learning by attendance at the Central Normal School at Danville, Ind., and the Indiana State Normal at Terre Haute. However, after mature reflection and careful observation, he decided upon a career as a doctor of medicine, toward which he had always felt an attraction. Accordingly he attended Indiana Medical College at Indianapolis where he found his long years of teaching and study a decided advantage. He was graduated in 1913 with his M. D. degree, and immediately thereafter located in the town of Milroy, this county. During the seven years of his practice there he made a host of warm friends, who had every confidence in his ability. Believing that Rushville presents a larger field for his endeavors, Doctor Kennedy moved to the latter place in May, 1920, and has established himself in an increasingly more profitable practice. He married Pearl Edith Thompson, a daughter of A. M. and Amanda Thompson, and they are the parents of one child, a daughter, Rowena Winnifred. Doctor Kennedy is a worker in the Christian church, and politically is found in the ranks of the Republican party. He is also well known in fraternal and professional organizations, being a member of Masonic bodies up to and including the Scottish Rite and Shrine. He also is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Knights of Pythias. He is affiliated with the American; state and county medical association.

HORRIE BROOKS, a well known agriculturist, of Noble township, is occupying the same property which was the scene of his birth. Mr. Brooks, however, has not spent his entire life on this farm, as his career has been a somewhat varied one and his experiences have taken him to various parts of the state. He was born on June 10, 1874, a son of James and Frances (Stevens) Brooks. James Brooks was born in Adams county, Ohio, where he grew to manhood and during the Civil war enlisted in the Sixty-second regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry. At the close of that struggle he migrated to Indiana and engaged in farming in Noble township, this county, on the farm a part of which is now owned by his son. After spending a number of years in this locality he removed to Union township, where he rented a farm, and there continued his operations until he retired from active life, since when he has lived quietly at Rushville. Mr. Brooks married Frances Stevens, who was born in Rush county, a daughter of A. J. and Mary (Gregg) Stevens, natives of Noble township and members of early families of this locality. This is said to be the oldest homestead in Noble township, the land having been entered by John Gregg, who came hither from Bracken county, Kentucky, as early as 1821, and entered a large tract of land, to which he added from time to time, at his death being the possessor of 1,300 acres, which he devoted to general farming and the raising of live stock. On this land, in 1826, he erected the old home that is still standing, in which was born Mary (Gregg) Stevens, the maternal grandmother of Horrie Brooks, and in which Mr. Brooks, who was also born here, now lives. Three children were born to James and Frances Brooks, Horrie, Charles and one who died in infancy.

Horrie Brooks received his education in the public schools of Noble and Union townships, and upon leaving school took up farming. Later he became interested in racing horses and for a time operated a racing stable and entered his horses in various meets all over the state, the star of his performers being "John D.", with a record of 2:04¼. Later he trained race horses at Rushville and for six years had charge of a stock farm and racing barn at Clinton, Indiana. About 1916 Mr. Brooks retired from the racing game and returned to the more prosaic business of farming, after three years spent at Indianapolis. He is the owner of a property consisting of fifty acres, and is renting sufficient land to make his operations cover activities on 100 acres, which he is devoting to general farming and stock raising. He is capable, energetic and entirely trustworthy and therefore forms a useful and honorable factor in the life of his community. Mr. Brooks was united in marriage in 1905 to Mrs. Ella N. (Templeton) Shaw, daughter of James W. and Frances (Stout) Templeton. They have no children. Mrs. Brooks was born in Shelby county, Indiana. Her father was born in Franklin county and her mother in Decatur county, this state. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Templeton resided for a time in Shelby county, but later removed to Decatur county, where Mr. Templeton died in 1901. His widow still survives him and is a resident of Indianapolis. They had five children: Flora, Mrs. Brooks, Harry, Grace and Elizabeth. Mr. and Mrs. Brooks are members of the Christian church at Rushville. In politics he is a stalwart supporter of the Republican party.

CHARLES A. FRAZEE, treasurer of Rush county and former postmaster of Rushville, former chairman of the Rush county Republican central committee and for many years actively identified with civic affairs in this county, one of the best known public men in the Sixth district, was born in Rush county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in Rushville township on December 11, 1875, son of Aaron and Sarah (Brooks) Frazee, natives of the state of Kentucky, whose last days were spent in this county. Aaron Frazee came from Kentucky to Indiana in the days of his young manhood and bought a farm in Noble township, this county, where, after his marriage, he established his home. Some time later, however, he sold that place and bought a farm in Rushville township which he developed into a fine piece of property and on which he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring there on May 1, 1896. His widow survived him more than two years, her death occurring on August 23, 1898. Aaron Frazee and wife were the parents of four children, those besides the subject of this sketch being Ora, wife of W. W. Wilson, William M. Frazee and Mrs. Myrtle Bonner, the latter a resident of Greensburg, this state. Charles A. Frazee was reared on the home farm and finished his schooling in the Rushville high school. As a young man he continued on the farm assisting his father in the operation of the same until the latter's death and for about ten years thereafter continued in active management of the same. In February, 1909, Mr. Frazee received

from President Roosevelt the appointment as postmaster of Rushville and continued to serve the public in that important capacity until the expiration of his commission in 1913, after which he was appointed deputy county treasurer. For four years he served in that capacity and then in 1918 was elected county treasurer, leading the county ticket in that election. Mr. Frazee is an ardent Republican and has for years been recognized as among the leaders of that party in this part of the state. From 1903 to 1909, thus serving three terms, he served his party as chairman of the county central committee and in that capacity did much to strengthen and solidify the party's interests in this county, his appointment as postmaster in the latter year and his subsequent election to the office of county treasurer having been properly regarded in the community as but fitting rewards for the effective service rendered in behalf of the committee and the party at large. On August 24, 1899, Charles A. Frazee was united in marriage to Georgia McBride, daughter of William and Sarah McBride, and to this union has been born one child, a daughter, Helen K. The Frazees have a pleasant home in Rushville and have ever taken an interested part in the city's general social activities and have been helpful in promoting movements looking to the common good. Mr. Frazee is a thirty-second degree Mason, a member of the local lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons at Rushville, affiliated with the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. Valley of Indianapolis; is a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, affiliated with Murat Temple at Indianapolis, and a member of the Rushville lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

CHARLES BENNING, a retired farmer of this county, now living at Milroy, where he has quite a snug piece of property adjoining his home, was born in the neighboring county of Franklin but has been a resident of Rush county since he was twenty years of age, and thus, of course, has long felt "perfectly at home" here. He was born on January 14, 1864, son of Charles and Catherine (Brinkman) Benning, both of whom were born in Germany but who had come to this country with their respective parents in the days of their childhood, both the Benning and the Brinkman families coming out into Indiana and settling in Franklin county where they established their permanent homes and where both families are still represented. The senior Charles Benning grew to manhood on a farm in Franklin county and after his marriage to Catherine Brinkman became engaged in farming on his own account and in time became the owner of a fine farm of 160 acres on which he spent his last days. He and his wife were the parents of eight children, of whom three are still living, the subject of this sketch having a brother, John, and a sister, Catherine. Reared on the home farm in Franklin county, Charles Benning, Jr., received his schooling in the schools of his home neighborhood and was from boyhood trained to the ways of the farm. In 1884 he came over into Rush county and was here engaged in farm work until his marriage in 1892 when he rented a farm in Orange township and began operations "on his own." For fifteen years he

Jesse A. Leisure and Wife

continued as a renter and then bought a small tract of fifteen acres, to which in the same year he added an adjoining tract of sixty acres, and continued to farm there for several years, at the end of which time he sold that place and a year later bought a farm of forty-nine acres in Rushville township, on which latter place he continued to make his home until he sold it and in 1919 moved to Milroy, where he bought a home and eight lots adjacent, thus giving him ample garden space, and has since resided there, he and his wife being fixed very comfortably. They are members of the Methodist church and have ever taken an interested part in church work. Mr. Benning is a Democrat, but has never taken a particularly active part in political affairs. It was on August 18, 1892, that Charles Benning was united in marriage to Ella Campbell, who was born in the adjoining county of Shelby, daughter of William and Sarah (Land) Campbell, both of whom were born in Jefferson county, this state, members of pioneer families there. William Campbell and his wife moved from Jefferson to Shelby county shortly after their marriage and located on a farm, where Mr. Campbell continued engaged in farming until after his wife's death when he sold his farm and returned to Jefferson county. They were the parents of seven children, those besides Mrs. Benning being John, William, Morton, Robert, Ida and Bertha.

JESSE A. LEISURE, who occupied a prominent place in the esteem of the people of his section of the county, not only because of his business success, but because of his sterling qualities of character, is a worthy representative of one of the excellent old families of the county, members of which have figured more or less prominently in the affairs of the community, and this review of his career in connection with other representative citizens of Rush county therefore is timely. Jesse A. Leisure is a native son of Rush county, having been born in Ripley township on December 29, 1858. He is the son of John and Jane (Green) Leisure, both of whom also were born and reared in Rush county, the father in Posey township and the mother in Ripley township. John Leisure followed farming throughout his active life and was successful in his business affairs, becoming the owner of 1,120 acres of land in Ripley township. To him and his wife were born four children, of whom three are living, namely, Sarah L., Cora A. and Jesse A. The subject received his educational training in the Ernest school in Ripley township, and after finishing his studies he went to work for his father on the home farm. Two years later he was married and then began farming on his own account. Going to Jackson township, he bought 160 acres of land, which he operated for four years, and then sold that and moved to his present location in that same township, buying 330 acres. Persistent industry and good management characterized his efforts and as he prospered he increased his land holdings until he became the owner of 1,400 acres of excellent farm land. However, he has since given 460 acres of land to his two sons, so that his present holdings amount to 940 acres. Mr. Leisure cultivates

practically the entire place, carrying on a general line of farming, and in connection he raises considerable live stock, marketing about 500 head of hogs and about 100 head of cattle each year. The improvements on his farm are all of a permanent, substantial and attractive character, the general appearance of the place indicating the owner to be a man of good taste and sound judgment. On October 20, 1881, Jesse A. Leisure was married to Hannah J. Gilson, a native of Center township, Rush county, and the daughter of John M. and Sophrona (Fry) Gilson, both of whom also were born and reared in Rush county, Mr. Gilson having been a successful farmer in Center township. Mr. and Mrs. Leisure have two children, Harry R. and Orville G. Harry R. Leisure, who is engaged in farming in Ripley township, married Effie Linville and to them have been born six children, of whom four are living, Mabel M., George, Harry, Jr., and Eugene. Orville G. Leisure, who farms in Jackson township, married Mabel Linville, and of the three children born to them, two are living, Jesse S. and Edith L. Politically, Mr. Leisure has always been a stanch supporter of the Democratic party and has taken a keen and intelligent interest in public affairs, especially as relating to his own county and community, invariably giving his earnest support to every movement for the advancement of the general welfare. He is an active member of the Church of Christ at Little Blue River and has been an elder in this church for twenty-five years. He is counted one of the leaders in thought and action in his community and enjoys to a marked degree the confidence and respect of all who know him.

FLOYD H. MINER, superintendent of the township school at Manilla, has been engaged in educational work since the outset of his career, and during the comparatively short period of his allegiance to his profession has made rapid strides toward high preferment. He is a native of Rush county, born on a farm in Ripley township, May 17, 1890, a son of Edward N. and Mary E. (Hill) Miner, the former a native of the neighboring county of Hancock and the latter of Rush county. Edward N. Miner is a carpenter by trade and has followed that vocation during the greater part of his life, although he has given some attention to farming in Ripley township. He and his wife reside in Carthage. They have two children, the subject of this sketch having a sister, Florence F., a graduate of the high school at Carthage. Floyd H. Miner attended the high school at Carthage and early evidenced inclinations toward a career as an educator. He was but eighteen years of age when he began teaching in Ripley township. After three years of teaching there he decided he needed further preparation and accordingly pursued a course at the Indiana State Normal School at Terre Haute, where he received his degree of Bachelor of Arts. He later became principal of the high school at French Lick, Indiana, a position which he held during 1914 and 1915. His next location was at Hackensack, N. J., where he taught in the junior high school for two years. While in Hackensack, he spent a year in Columbia University doing special work in educa-

tion. In the fall of 1917 he returned to Indiana and became superintendent of schools at West Baden, where he remained three years. In the fall of 1920 Mr. Miner came to Manilla, as superintendent of the township school, having about 140 pupils and nine teachers under his superintendency. Mr. Miner has been very successful in his chosen calling. Aside from his instructive ability, and the executive capacity necessary for the management of his charges, he possesses the ability to secure and hold the good will of pupils and parents. He is constantly striving to further prepare himself for valuable work in his profession, and is a close and careful student and a lover of literature of the best kind. He holds membership in the Forum Society of the State Normal School, and is a thirty-second degree Mason, belonging to the Blue lodge at French Lick and the Scottish Rite at Indianapolis. Following in the footsteps of his mother, he belongs to the Society of Friends. On August 30, 1919, Mr. Miner was united in marriage to Mary A. Alexander, who was born in Fountain county, Indiana, but was reared and educated in Montgomery county, this state. Mrs. Miner is a graduate of the high school at New Market, Indiana, and attended the State Normal School at Terre Haute, and Mrs. Blaker's Teachers' College at Indianapolis. She is a daughter of Daniel A. and Josephine Alexander, farming people of Montgomery county, where Mr. Alexander is still the owner of a valuable property. Mrs. Miner has a younger sister, Nioma. To Mr. and Mrs. Miner there has come one child: Rosemary, born on September 12, 1920.

WILLIAM H. GLENDENNING, a well-known farmer and representative citizen of Posey township, was born in that township on November 16, 1890, and is the son of George W. and Margaret E. (Powell) Glendenning. He attended school in districts Nos. 1 and 6 and also received three years of high school work in the Arlington school. On leaving school Mr. Glendenning devoted himself to the work of the home farm, working for his father until the latter's death, and then continuing for his mother about three years. Since then he has been operating the home farm as a renter and has met with a gratifying measure of success. The farm comprises 343 acres of land, all located in Posey township, and there the subject is carrying on general farming, raising all the crops common to this section of the country, and also giving some attention to live stock, handling about 150 head of hogs each year. The place is well improved and ranks among the best farms of Posey township. On June 12, 1917, Mr. Glendenning was married to Beulah Metsker, who was born in the state of California, but was educated in Benton county, Indiana. She is a daughter of Luther and Emma (Bowman) Metsker, both of whom were born and reared in Warren county, Indiana, where the father followed the vocation of farming. Luther Metsker and wife were the parents of six children, all of whom are living, namely: Mary, Robert, Beulah, Arnett, Lena and Lucile. To Mr. and Mrs. Glendenning have been born two children, Lloyd V., born on May 23, 1918, and Georgia, who died in infancy. Mr. Glendenning has been a staunch and life-long supporter of the

Republican party and is now serving a term as a member of the county council. He and his wife are earnest members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Arlington.

WILLIAM CURTIS GEISE, a substantial grain grower and live stock dealer, of Noble township, was born in Fayette county, this state, December 15, 1882, a son of Henry and Frances (Breitenbauch) Geise. Henry Geise was born in Pennsylvania and was a small child when brought by his parents from the Keystone state to Indiana, the family settling in Fayette county, where he was given a public school education. Reared to agricultural pursuits, on reaching years of manhood he adopted the tilling of the soil as his life work and engaged therein in Fayette county until 1894, in that year renting a farm in Union township, Rush county. This property he farmed until 1908, when he moved back to Fayette county and purchased a tract of 120 acres, on which he is still carrying on successful operations as a general farmer and grower of live stock. He and his worthy wife, a native of Fayette county, have been the parents of sixteen children, of whom thirteen survive: Edward, Joseph, Mollie, John, Stella, William Curtis, Quincy, Cleve, Vina, Emma, Hazel, Ben and Bernice. William Curtis Geise received his educational training in the public schools of Fayette and Rush counties, and when ready to embark upon his career engaged in farming in association with his father. This connection continued to be maintained until Mr. Geise was married, at which time he rented the place on which he is now living, and there has developed a handsome property. His operations have extended somewhat since the early days of his experience and at this time he is renting 145 acres, in addition to which he operates also 143 acres belonging to him, and all of it is under a high state of cultivation. Mr. Geise operates his property according to the latest approved methods of agricultural science, and is practical, efficient and thorough. He has eighty acres in corn and fifty acres in wheat, and feeds out on an average of 200 hogs each year. Mr. Geise has large and substantial buildings, and makes use of the latest equipment and machinery. In 1906 Mr. Geise was united in marriage to Ethel Wilson, daughter of John and Nora Wilson, and to this union there have been born five children, Esther, Ruth, Richard, Harlan and Betty. Mr. and Mrs. Geise are members of the Little Flat Rock Christian Church, in the faith of which the children are being reared. In his political allegiance Mr. Geise is a Democrat.

ROY WAGGENER, who is discharging with marked ability the multifarious duties connected with his important position as secretary, treasurer and manager of the Park Furniture Manufacturing Company of Rushville, was born in Franklin, Ind., March 14, 1881, the son of Robert and Nancy (Yelton) Waggener. Robert Waggener was a prosperous contractor of Franklin, doing a general business in that line as well as being proprietor of a planing mill and lumber yard. Roy Waggener received his earlier education in the common and high schools of Franklin, after completing which he attended Franklin College. Upon leaving scholastic halls behind him, he began

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working for the Greer Wilkinson Lumber Company of Franklin, remaining with them off and on for six years. His initial association with this firm was in the capacity of a machine hand, as he wished to learn all phases of the business. His advancement was rapid, and when he severed connections with the company he was serving it as manager of the mill department. Then, in 1908, he came to Rushville, accepting the position of superintendent of the J. D. Case planing mill, remaining with this firm until January, 1919, when he became secretary, treasurer and general manager of the Park Furniture Manufacturing Company, and although he has met with many serious and difficult problems on account of the post-war unsettled conditions of all business, he has successfully overcome them all. Mr. Waggener married Edith Mullendore and three children have been born to their union, Mary Elizabeth, Roy, Jr., and Nancy Jane. Mr. Waggener is a communicant of the Baptist church, and politically is known as a strong Republican. In fraternal circles he is a Knight Templar Mason and holds membership in the Rotary Club.

WILLIAM J. HENLEY, former judge of the Appellate Court of Indiana and for many years a member of the bar of the Rush Circuit Court, now living at his old home at Carthage, this county, where he is the owner of valuable farming property, was born at Carthage on October 15, 1864, a son of Thomas W and Hannah C. (Williams) Henley, natives of Greensboro, N. C. Elias Henley, father of Thomas W. Henley, was born in North Carolina and in 1827 brought his family to Indiana, settling on a part of the property on which his grandson, Judge Henley, now makes his home. He followed farming and was a man of influence in his community. Thomas W. Henley was a child when brought by his parents to Rush county, where his subsequent career was passed as a tiller of the soil. He was successful in his operations and at the time of his death was the owner of 600 acres of valuable land. He and his wife were the parents of six children, R. Edgar, Abbie J., Eunice, William J., Annie W. and Thomas B. (deceased). William J. Henley received his early schooling in the schools of Carthage, and after his graduation from the high school with the class of 1881 decided upon a career in the law. Accordingly, for two years he read law in the office of Mellete & Bundy, at New Castle, Ind., and when about twenty years of age went to Rushville, where he served for one year as deputy clerk of the court. At the age of twenty-one he formed a law partnership with Ben L. Smith, at Rushville, the firm being known as Smith & Henley. This association was dissolved after several years and Mr. Henley formed a connection with Lot E. Griffin, as Henley & Griffin. In 1896 Mr. Henley was elected to the office of Judge of the Indiana State Court of Appeals, representing the First district, the youngest man ever elected to that high office. After serving eight years on the bench, Judge Henley resigned, although he had been elected for a third term. In 1903 Judge Henley accepted the position of president and general counsel of the Chicago & Western Indiana railroad and retained

that post for nine years, following which he went to Indianapolis and became a member of the law firm of Henley, Fenton & Joseph. He remained with this concern until 1917, when, acting upon the advice of his physician, he retired to the farm upon which he now makes his home at the southwest edge of Carthage. Judge Henley is a Republican and is a birthright member of the Carthage Meeting of Friends. He is a member of Phoenix Lodge, No. 62, Free and Accepted Masons, of Rushville, and Rushville Lodge No. 1307, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. In 1912 Judge Henley was united in marriage to Myrtle Robinson, who was born at Marion, Indiana, daughter of William A. and Anna Robinson, and to this union there has come one child, Mary Elizabeth, born on November 6, 1913. By a former marriage Judge Henley has three children: Mrs. Gladys Mauzy, of Rushville; William J., Jr., and June.

WILLIAM SEWARD WHITEMAN, a well known retired farmer of this county, now living at Milroy, where he has made his home for nearly twenty years past, was born in that part of Rush county, a member of one of the pioneer families thereabout, and has been a resident of this county all his life. The Whitemans have been residents of this county for more than a century, the first of the name to settle here having been Jacob and Mary Whiteman, who came over here from Ohio in 1819 and established their home on a tract of "Congress land" two miles southwest of where the village of Milroy presently began to have its being, and were thus among the real pioneers of this region, that having been in the days before Rush county had a separate civic identity. Jacob Whiteman was a Pennsylvanian and his wife was a native of South Carolina. They developed a farm out of the wilderness in which they had settled and there spent their last days, the results of their labors persisting in the present generation, and the land which they entered from the Government still is in the possession of the family. One of their sons, William Whiteman, eventually came into possession of the quarter section tract and on that place, on which he was born, he spent all his life, living to the ripe old age of eighty years. William Whiteman was born on June 5, 1829. He married Emily Warriner, who also was born in Indiana, and established his home on the old home place, later increasing his land holdings to 188 acres. He and his wife were the parents of six children: Clara, who married Daniel Power; Horace G.; William S., the subject of this sketch, and Mary, Martha and Emma. William S. Whiteman was born on June 5, 1862, on the place which his grandparents had entered from the government and there grew to manhood, receiving his schooling in the schools of that neighborhood, and continued farming with his father until after his marriage in 1886 when he rented a farm in Orange township and began operations for himself. Four years later he returned to Anderson township and bought a farm of eighty acres a mile and a half west of Milroy on which he established his home. He developed this place in excellent shape and as his affairs prospered added to his holdings until he became the owner of 188 acres

which he still holds. There he remained until 1902 when he retired from the active labors of the farm and moved to Milroy, where he is still living, continuing, however, to give pretty close supervisory attention to the affairs of the farm. It was on September 9, 1886, that William Seward Whiteman was united in marriage to Clara Crane, who also was born in this county, daughter of Isaac and Belinda (Camerer) Crane, and to this union one child was born, a daughter, Nellie, who married Faud E. Harcourt and who died on April 12, 1915, leaving a little daughter, Lois Catherine. Mr. and Mrs. Whiteman have a pleasant home at Milroy and have ever taken an interested part in the general social affairs of their home community. They are members of the Methodist church and for some years Mr. Whiteman has been a member of the board of trustees of the church. In his political views Mr. Whiteman is a Republican, as was his father, and has ever given a good citizen's attention to local civic affairs, but has not been a seeker after office. He is a Mason, a member of the local blue lodge, and takes a proper interest in the affairs of that ancient fraternal organization.

FREDERICK KESSLER, a retired farmer and substantial citizen of Walker township, was born in Germany, March 29, 1850, a son of Frederick and Barbara (Nicholas) Kessler. They had eleven children, the two survivors of the family being Mike and Frederick. The parents spent their lives in Germany where the father followed the wagon-making trade. Frederick Kessler, the younger, remained in his native land until he was twenty years old, going to school in boyhood and later helping his father. He was determined, however, to emigrate to the United States and took advantage of the first opportunity that came his way to secure passage across the Atlantic. After being safely landed in the port of New York, he made his way to Shelbyville, Ind., where an acquaintance by the name of John Leafes was established in the drug business, with whom he remained for seven weeks, going then to Cincinnati, where he secured a position in a bakery and remained there eight months. At this time sickness fell upon him and he returned to his friend in Shelbyville. When ready to begin work again, he went on a farm and for the next four years worked as a farm hand for Andrew Kuhn and later for Daniel Kuhn. In 1876 he married and began farming on his own account and for the next sixteen years rented land in Rush county, then bought his first piece, a tract of eight acres. This was his beginning in the acquirement of a large and valuable estate, Mr. Kessler now owning 450 acres of land all in one body. For many years he carried on general farming and stockraising, each year feeding two car loads of hogs. When he felt ready to retire from active work on the farm he found no difficulty as he has strong, sturdy and capable sons who are now very successfully carrying on the various industries. April 12, 1876, Frederick Kessler married Elizabeth Hatchel, who was born in Germany, daughter of Christian and Salome (Bair) Hatchel, and who died on July 8, 1912. Mr. Kessler and his wife had eleven children, nine of whom are living: Sarah, Mary, Elizabeth, Carrie, John, Jacob, Edward, Frank, Michael, Frederick and William.

Elizabeth married Cary McKay, a farmer in Rush county, and they have four children, Mary, Nella, Dorothy and Thelma. Carrie, who died on October 12, 1918, was the wife of Walter Melser, a farmer in Rush county, and left two children, Mary and Robert. John, who is a farmer in Rush county, married Berta Bebout, who died August 8, 1917, leaving two sons, Harold and Herman, the latter of whom died February 10, 1918. Edward, who is a farmer in Walker township, Rush county, married Nora Thebold, and they have one son, Raymond. Frank, who is also a farmer in Walker township, married Laura Shower, and they have one child, Masella A. William, who is a farmer in Decatur county, married a Miss Melser. Frederick, the youngest of the family, was an overseas soldier in the World war, a member of the second company in the sixth provisional advance department, when he was stricken with influenza and died from this malady, far from home and kindred. He was a member of the Red Men. Mr. Kessler is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Manilla. In politics he is a Republican and has always been a useful citizen, well known over the county and a member of the Masonic lodge at Manilla.

OSCAR APPLEGATE, a well-known farmer and stock raiser of Noble township, is numbered among the substantial citizens of his section of the county. Mr. Applegate was born on November 27, 1852, on the farm where he now lives, and he is a son of John and Ann (Kerr) Applegate, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Fayette county, Indiana. John Applegate was brought by his parents to Fayette county, Indiana, in his boyhood and there he remained until 1845, when he came to Rush county, locating on the farm now occupied by the subject of this sketch. Here, in addition to farming the land, he followed his trade, that of a wagon, buggy and carriage maker, in which he won considerable renown for the high quality of his work. In 1855 he won a silver cup at Louisville, Ky., for building the finest carriage that was exhibited there that year. He died in 1870 and was survived many years by his widow, whose death occurred in 1894. They were the parents of two children, Oscar and Rhoda. Oscar Applegate received his education in the common schools of Noble township, and after completing his studies he remained on his father's farm and, after the death of the latter, he acquired title to the place and has continued to reside there to the present time. The farm comprises 227 acres, all in one body, and here Mr. Applegate has been engaged in general farming and stock raising. He puts about forty acres to corn, the same amount to small grains and also gives some of the land over to pasturage, keeping a herd of fifty sheep the year round. He also feeds from fifty to sixty head of sheep annually. In 1882 Mr. Applegate was married to Nan Blacklidge, the daughter of Martin and Augusta Blacklidge, and they have become the parents of four children, namely: Arnest, who married Hazel Murphy; Rhoda, who became the wife of Clarence Kinner and they have one child, Marcellus; Arthur and Charles are deceased. Politically, Mr. Applegate gives earnest support to the Republican party. Personally, he is a man

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of many splendid qualities of character and is deservedly popular in his community.

JOHN W. ANDERSON, better known throughout this region as "Trim" Anderson, one of the substantial agriculturists of Anderson township, but whose operations as a general farmer, feeder of stock and large landowner cover an area extending into Decatur county, was born on a farm in Richland township, Rush county, September 29, 1869, a son of John Samuel and Priscilla (Hopkins) Anderson, the former a native of Decatur county and the latter of Kingston, this state. John Samuel Anderson received only limited educational advantages, but was a youth of ambition and industry, and when still young in years became the owner of an extensive property, in both Decatur and Rush counties. He moved to the latter county shortly before his death, which occurred when he was yet a young man, in 1869, his widow surviving him only one year. They had two children: John W., and a child who died in infancy. John W. Anderson was an infant when left an orphan by the death of his mother, and at that time was taken into the home of his uncle, James W. Anderson, who furnished him with a public school education. When he laid aside his school books he began farming with his uncle, whose associate he was until the time of his marriage. He then moved to the property on which he now lives in Anderson township, his home being situated on R. F. D. No. 1 out of Milroy. Mr. Anderson is now farming about 600 acres of the home place, and is the owner of about 1,700 acres of land in Rush and Decatur counties. All of his property has received the benefit of his inclination toward improvements of a modern character, and the general prosperity which surrounds his farms is demonstrative evidence of the presence of able and energetic management. As an operator in live stock, Mr. Anderson feeds out about 120 head of cattle each year and in the neighborhood of 1,000 hogs. Politically he adheres to the principles of the Republican party and has always supported its candidates. He is a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Milroy and is a member of the board of trustees of the same. On February 14, 1895, John W. Anderson married May Davis, daughter of Samuel H. and Mary E. Davis, and to this union have been born five children: Lois, Leland, Alice, Marjorie and John Samuel, all unmarried and living with their parents. Mr. Anderson is justly accounted one of the substantial men of his community, and a citizen who has kept thoroughly informed as to current events and faithfully discharged all the duties pertaining to an enlightened citizenship.

GEORGE B. MOORE, SR., a retired farmer of Posey township and a well-known citizen of Rush county, was born in Posey township on August 20, 1844, and is a son of James and Mary (Haywood) Moore, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Tennessee. James Moore was a farmer by vocation and for many years followed that line of work in Posey township, where he owned eighty acres of

land. He was the father of four children, John W., Martha A., both of whom are deceased, Henry W. and George B. The subject of this review received his elementary education in the Offutt school house in Posey township, and on the completion of his studies he devoted his energies and activities to the home farm, working for his mother until her death. He then bought out the interests of the other heirs in the home farm and has since continued to make that his home, being thus numbered among the oldest continuous residents of Posey township. He gave his active attention to the operation of the farm until 1902, when he retired from labor and moved to Rushville, having rented the farm. He remained in Rushville until after the death of his wife in 1913, when he moved back to the farm and is now living there. On November 28, 1891, Mr. Moore was married to Lillie Foster, a native of the state of Illinois, but who was educated in the schools of Rushville township, this county. She was the daughter of William and Margaret (Wheid) Foster and her union with Mr. Moore was a most happy and congenial one. Her death occurred on May 8, 1913, and her remains lie in the Arlington cemetery. Mr. Moore is a member of the Christian church at Arlington, while in politics he is a firm supporter of the Democratic party. He has always been known as a man of excellent qualities of character, who, by years of indefatigable labor and honest effort, not only acquired a well-merited prosperity, but also richly earned the highest esteem of all with whom he has been associated.

JESSE WINKLER, the progressive proprietor of a flourishing grain elevator business at Rushville, was born in Johnson county, Indiana, April 14, 1877, a son of George and Lorinda (Jamison) Winkler, natives of Estill county, Kentucky. His father, an agriculturist by vocation, followed farming throughout his life in Johnson and Rush counties and was a man held in high respect and esteem. There were ten children in the family, of whom six are living: Lona, Orie, Lennie, Girtha, Delbert and Jesse. Jesse Winkler received his education in the public schools of Henry county, Indiana, where his boyhood was passed, and entered upon his independent career in the capacity of a farm hand. Industrious and thrifty, he accumulated sufficient means with which to establish himself as a renter, and after two years was able to buy forty acres of land, which he subsequently sold. For a number of years he bought and sold different properties, and at one time had accumulated through industry and good ability 204 acres of valuable and well-cultivated land in Rush county, principally in Noble township. Mr. Winkler continued to be engaged in farming until 1914, in which year he traded his farm for the grain elevator which he now owns at Rushville, which he operates as the Winkler Grain Company, and which has a capacity of about 25,000 bushels. Mr. Winkler deals in grain, coal and flour, and has built up an excellent business, his patronage extending all over the territory surrounding Rushville. December 9, 1900, Mr. Winkler married Laura M., daughter of Frank and Emma (Webster) Trennepohl, farming people of Rush county. Mrs. Winkler was born in this county and is the eldest of four chil-

dren, the others being Raye, Opal and Francis. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Winkler, Merle C., Loren and George, who are attending school at Rushville, and Robert J. Mr. Winkler is a member of the Odd Fellows and Red Men's lodges at Arlington and the Elks lodge at Rushville. He is a Republican in his political allegiance and he and Mrs. Winkler belong to the Christian church. Mr. Winkler's operations have met with deserved success and he is justly regarded as a thorough, reliable and progressive business man.

JOHN G. HAMMOND, a substantial landowner, real estate dealer and retired stock buyer, of Milroy, this county, is a native son of the neighboring county of Franklin, but has been a resident of Rush county for about twenty years and has no cause to regret the step which caused him to move over here, for he has done well in his operations since coming here. He was born on a farm in Franklin county on June 29, 1848, son of John and Charlotte (Davis) Hammond, the latter of whom also was born in Indiana, a member of one of the old families of Washington county, and both of whom spent their last days in Franklin county. John Hammond was a Vermonter who left the Green Mountain state when thirty years of age and came to Indiana, where he married and established his home in Franklin county. He started there on a tract of "Congress land" to which he had entered a claim and as he developed that tract added to his holdings until he became the owner of a well improved place of 300 acres on which he and his wife spent their last days, substantial and influential residents of the community in which they lived. They were the parents of seven children, of whom but four are now living, the subject of this sketch having two brothers, William P. and Robert Hammond, and a sister, Sarah. Of these children John G. Hammond is the only one to make his home in Rush county. Reared on the home farm in Franklin county, John G. Hammond received his schooling in the local schools of his neighborhood and when he grew to manhood engaged in farming and presently also became engaged in the business of buying live stock, a business in which he continued interested for thirty-five years, during which time he was an extensive buyer of cattle and hogs throughout Franklin, Decatur and Rush counties and of horses all over southern Indiana. In 1904 Mr. Hammond moved to Rush county and located at Milroy, where he since has made his home. In 1914 he abandoned the live stock business and has since given much of his time to the sale of farm lands and a general real estate business in which he has been quite successful, but his chief attention is devoted to the direction of his fine farm of 200 acres, on which, besides carrying on general farming he raises about three car loads of hogs annually. Mr. Hammond is a Republican, has ever given considerable attention to local civic affairs and during his residence in Franklin county served for some time as trustee of his home township. In 1872 John G. Hammond was united in marriage to Marie Matthews, who also was born in Franklin county, and to this union have been born five children, Marshall, Katie, who married Albert Ross; Ella, who married Otis Murray and has one child, Marshall M.; Cora, who married Scott

Dawson, and Mary, who married Rex Innis and has three children, Robert Perry, Jeannette and Esther Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Hammond are members of the Methodist church and have ever taken an interested part in church work, Mr. Hammond having served for years as a member of the official board of the church.

ORLANDO C. MACY, a well known retired farmer of Walker township, was born in that township, August 2, 1858, a son of Tristram and Dorcas (Gardner) Macy, who were born in North Carolina and were young people when they came to Rush county. His father entered eighty acres of land from the Government and developed this pioneer tract into a fine farm, subsequently acquiring additional tracts and at the time of death he owned 550 acres situated in Rush and Shelby counties. Orlando C. Macy is one of the three survivors of a family of six children, having one brother, Erasmus D., living in Shelby county, and another brother, Thomas B., living in Hancock county. Orlando C. Macy attended the district school near his father's farm in Walker township during boyhood and afterward assisted his father at home until ready to start out for himself. When he married he rented one of his father's farms containing eighty acres, contracting to meet the rent problem by paying the taxes and keeping the entire farm in repair, a contract that both he and his father lived up to, and when his father died the farm became his property. Until he retired and rented out the farm Mr. Macy carried on the usual farm industries and gave much attention to raising poultry. On October 16, 1881, he married Mary Adams, born in Rush county, daughter of Garland B. and Flora (Miller) Adams. The father of Mrs. Macy was born in Henry county, Indiana, and the mother in Ohio. Mr. Adams owned a farm of eighty-five acres in Rush county. They had three children, all now deceased. Mrs. Macy died on March 4, 1919. On October 19, 1919, Mr. Macy married Ella Wilson, who was born in Johnson county, Indiana, daughter of William L. and Margaret F. (McCollum) Wilson, who had a family of six children, John D., Mrs. Mollie Wilhelm, Mrs. Etta Worden, Mrs. Ella Macy, Eunice and Lilly, the two youngest being deceased. Mr. Wilson was an undertaker. Mr. Macy is a member of the Christian Union church at Homer. In politics he is a Republican.

L. E. DYER, superintendent of the Ripley township consolidated school, is one of the younger members of the educational profession in Rush county who is making rapid strides in his calling. Mr. Dyer was born in Greene county, Indiana, November 25, 1894, a son of Charles F. and Delia (Breeden) Dyer, natives of that county, and for a number of years engaged in agricultural pursuits there. The early education of L. E. Dyer was secured in the public schools of Worthington, Ind., and after his graduation from the high school at that place he took a course in the Central Normal School at Danville, Ind., from which he was duly graduated. Since that time he has done post-graduate and educational work at DePauw and Columbia Universities, and one summer was instructor in agriculture in Central Normal College. In 1917, after two years of teaching in

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rural schools, Mr. Dyer was appointed principal of the Carthage high school, a capacity in which he served for two years, following which he was appointed superintendent of the consolidated school of Ripley township. In this position he has done much to vindicate the faith reposed in his abilities and has brought his school up to a high grade of educational efficiency. Under his supervision are twelve teachers and 350 pupils, among all of whom Mr. Dyer is popular. On September 22, 1916, Mr. Dyer married Estella Dayhoff, who was born in Greene county, Indiana, and educated there in the graded and high schools. Later she attended DePauw and Columbia Universities, where she took special teacher's work. Mr. and Mrs. Dyer are members of the Carthage Methodist Episcopal Church. In political matters he is a Republican.

WILLIAM H. McMILLIN, former auditor of Rush county and who for years has been regarded as one of the most substantial farmers and stockmen of Union township, where he is now living, was born in this county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in Union township on Christmas day, 1866, son of John T. and Nancy B. (Pentecost) McMillin, the latter of whom was born in Union county, this state, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Bishop) Pentecost. Thomas Pentecost was born in Union county in 1805, son of John and Jemima Pentecost, and his last days were spent in Henry county. His wife was born in 1808, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Freel) Bishop, the latter a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Wood) Freel. William Bishop, who was a soldier in the War of 1812, was born in Maryland, son of Robert and Rachel Bishop, also natives of Maryland, and his last days were spent in Preble county, Ohio. John T. McMillin was a member of one of the pioneer families of Rush county. He was born on a farm in Union township, in the immediate vicinity of the place on which his son, William H. McMillin, now resides, August 30, 1831, son of John and Susanna (McConnell) McMillin, the latter of whom was born in what is now Brown county, Ohio, in 1800, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Downing) McConnell, both natives of Pennsylvania, of Colonial stock, the latter a daughter of John and Susan (Ellis) Downing. Thomas McConnell was born in 1772, a son of Arthur and Elizabeth (Wilson) McConnell and grew to manhood in Pennsylvania, leaving there after attaining his majority for Mason county, Kentucky, where he married Mary Downing. Not long afterward he moved over the river into Brown county, Ohio, and was living there when the War of 1812 broke out. He enlisted his services and was commissioned a captain, his company becoming attached to the command of General Hull and was with that general at the time of the latter's inglorious surrender at Ft. Detroit. John McMillin, the Rush county pioneer and grandfather of William H. McMillin, was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, in 1793, son of Thomas and Mary (Young) McMillin, who had come to this country from Ireland and who were the parents of six children. When he had passed his majority John McMillin left Pennsylvania and went to Brown county, Ohio, where in the

summer of 1824 he married Susanna McConnell and almost immediately afterward he and his wife came over into Indiana and settled on a farm in Union township, this county, locating on a tract of land he previously had entered in section 13 of that township, and there he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring on May 29, 1850. He was successful in his operations and at the time of his death was the owner of 600 acres of land in Union township. His widow survived him for more than thirty years, her death occurring in 1885. Reared on the home farm in Union township, John T. McMillin continued to reside there after his marriage, farming a portion of his father's broad acres, and in time became the owner of a fine farm of 260 acres in section 12, besides two other farms in the county and was accounted one of the leading farmers of the county. When the Rush County Agricultural Society was organized in 1857 he was one of the directors of the association and afterward served as president of the same and later as a member of the executive board, his efforts in that behalf having done much to make of the Rush county fair one of the best annual events of the sort in Indiana during that period. He took an active interest in the breeding of horses in the days of Rush county's supremacy in the line of horse flesh and did much to develop the heavy draft strain hereabout. He was a member of the Christian church, was an elder in the same until his death, and from the days of the organization of the Republican party was a staunch Republican. John T. McMillin was twice married. On November 25, 1852, he was united in marriage to Sarah Buzan, daughter of Wills and Maria (Kendall) Buzan, of Union township, and to that union there were born three children, Clara A., Laura B. and Sarah Belle. The mother of these children died in January, 1857, and in November of the following year Mr. McMillin married Nancy B. Pentecost, whose lineage is noted in the introductory paragraph of this sketch. To this union were born five children: Emma J. (deceased), who was the wife of John L. Shauck; John A. (deceased); Ora M.; William H., and Lyda O. William H. McMillin was reared on the home farm in Union township and from the days of his boyhood maintained an active interest in the development of the place, after his marriage continuing to farm the place in association with his father until the latter's death on October 3, 1900. For some time prior to that date he also had been operating the grain elevator at Ging's Station, which his father owned, and he continued to operate the same until in 1905, when he sold the elevator and bought the old home place, a well improved farm of 260 acres, of which he since has sold off an "eighty," and is now making his home there. From the days of his boyhood Mr. McMillin has been interested in the breeding of live stock and of late years has given his particular attention to hogs, feeding out about 250 head a year. For years Mr. McMillin has been regarded as one of the leaders of the Republican party in Rush county and in 1916 was elected county auditor. During his period of public service he still maintained oversight of

his farm interests and upon the completion of his term of office returned to the farm and has since devoted his entire attention to the operations of the same. On October 14, 1885, William H. McMillin was united in marriage to Cora A. Bell, who also was born in this county, daughter of Joseph and Melinda Bell, and to this union three children have been born, namely: Edith B., who married Walter E. Smith, and who died on April 12, 1915; Nellie J., who married Frank Logan and has three children, Russell W., Wayne and Wava; and Ruby May, who married Ross Logan, and died on February 26, 1920, leaving one child, a son, William J. Mr. and Mrs. McMillin are members of the Plum Creek Christian church. Mr. McMillin was a member of the first board of trustees of this church, has been an elder for twenty-one years and is assistant secretary of the Sunday school. He is a thirty-second degree Mason, affiliated with the blue lodge at Rushville and the consistory at Indianapolis and is also a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, affiliated with Murat Temple at Indianapolis. Mr. McMillin also is an Odd Fellow, in which order he is a past noble grand, and is also affiliated with the Knights of Pythias.

JAMES W. ARBUCKLE, one of the leading business men of Homer, this county, where he is engaged in the manufacture of tile, has spent practically his entire life in this community where he stands high in the confidence of the residents. He was born in Orange township, Rush county, February 23, 1867, a son of Nathan and Martha (Lawrence) Arbuckle, natives of Rush county, where the father followed farming and tile making all of his life. There were three children born to the parents, all of whom survive: Fred, Ida and James W. James W. Arbuckle obtained his early education in the public schools of Walker township, following which he took a preparatory course in a school connected with DePauw University. He next attended the university, and graduated therefrom in 1892. Mr. Arbuckle not only made a good record as a student, but was prominently known in college athletics, being a member of the football and baseball varsity teams in 1891 and 1892. On leaving college he came to Homer and was employed by his father for several months, following which he went to Windfall, Ind., and becames superintendent of a drain tile factory of that place. After one year he returned to Homer and began teaching school, and after one year was made principal, a position which he retained two years more. He then rejoined his father in the manufacture of drain tile at Homer, which has a capacity of one carload of tile per day, in the production of which four kilns are used and employment is given to twelve persons. In 1908 Mr. Arbuckle and his father built a tile factory at Williamstown, on the southern border of the county, which is operated under the same management. The business is now a flourishing one, and Mr. Arbuckle is numbered among the substantial men of his commmunity, being likewise known as a man of sound business judgment and keen foresight. He is a member of the

Masonic lodge at Manilla, a thirty-second degree Mason and Shriner, and holds membership also in the lodges of the Improved Order of Red Men and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Homer; and Elks Lodge, No. 1307, of Rushville. With his family, he belongs to the Homer Baptist church. His political support is given to the Democratic party. On April 7, 1892, Mr. Arbuckle was united in marriage to Julia Robertson, who was born and educated at Homer, daughter of James T. and Delilah (Cassady) Robertson. Mr. and Mrs. Arbuckle have one daughter: Ruth, born in March, 1894, a graduate of Shortridge high school, Indianapolis, now the wife of Harry M. Carr, of Indianapolis, with two children, Virginia R. and William H.

HARRY F. McFATRIDGE, the well known farmer whose name forms the caption to these paragraphs, was born in Posey township, this county, on October 11, 1883, and is the son of James W. and Jessie (Conaway) McFatridge, both of whom also were born, reared and educated in that same township. The father followed agricultural pursuits all his active years in Posey township, operating the land now owned by the subject, and at the time of his death he was the owner of 200 acres of good farm land. To him and his wife were born five children: Fred, Charles, Golda, Evelina and Harry. The subject of this sketch received his education in the common schools of his native township, attending the Beaver Meadow school. From his boyhood days he followed farming and remained on the home place up to the time of his marriage. He then started out on his own account, buying eighty acres of land adjoining the home farm, and thereafter he devoted himself to the operation of both farms. Mr. McFatridge carries on general farming operations, raising all the crops common to this section of the country, and also gives some attention to live stock, feeding about 200 head of hogs annually. On June 23, 1913, Mr. McFatridge was married to Anurice Tarbet, who was born, reared and educated in Rush county, the daughter of John and Mary (Scott) Tarbet, both natives of Rush county. Of the six children who were born to Mr. and Mrs. Tarbet, four are living. Anna, Charles, Anurice and James. Mr. and Mrs. McFatridge are the parents of three children, James, Wesley and Ralph. Mr. McFatridge is a wide-awake, progressive man, keeping in close touch with the trend of public affairs, and gives his support to every movement for the general welfare. He is a good business man and has made a success of his vocation. In addition to his local farm holdings, he is the owner of 200 acres of land in Perkins county, South Dakota, which is mainly devoted to the raising of wheat. Mr. McFatridge gives his support to the Republican party and he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Arlington.

NOAH E. PRICE, a representative of one of the early families in Rush county and owner of a well improved farm eligibly located in Posey township, was born in that township on May 23, 1882, and is the son of Elihu and Mary (Reddick) Price, who are represented elsewhere in this work. Mr. Price received his educational training in district school, No. 2, Posey township, and after completing his

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schooling devoted himself to work on the home farm, where he remained until his marriage. He then rented the farm from his father and has continued to operate it to the present time. The farm comprises 230 acres of fine land, on which Mr. Price carries on a diversified system of farming, raising all the crops common to this locality, and he also gives some attention to live stock, raising about two carloads of hogs annually. He is thoroughly up-to-date in his methods and is numbered among the progressive farmers of Posey township. On January 22, 1904, Mr. Price was married to Laura Abercrombie, who was born in Franklin county, Indiana, the daughter of Joseph and Mary (Thatcher) Abercrombie, both of whom also were born and reared in Franklin county. Mr. Abercrombie followed farming during the greater portion of his life, being the owner of 100 acres of land. To him and his wife were born six children, four of whom are living, Louis, Laura, Harry and Eugene. Mr. and Mrs. Price have had two children, Donald L., born on May 10, 1907, and Mary, who died in infancy. Mr. Price gives his support to the Democratic party. He is a member of Beech Grove Lodge, No. 399, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Arlington, and also belongs to the encampment. He is public spirited and lends his support to any cause that has for its ultimate object the betterment of his locality in material, civic and moral lines. Mrs. Price is a member of the Methodist church at Arlington.

LOWELL M. GREEN, M. D., one of the best known members of the medical profession at Rushville, was born in that city on April 15, 1882, a son of Hon. Thomas M. Green, who was also a native of this county, born at Milroy, on September 16, 1853. Thomas M. Green was the son of Samuel and Elizabeth (McKee) Green, residents of Rushville, and lived upon a farm in this county until he was eighteen years of age, when he was matriculated at Indiana State University. At this institution he pursued his studies for two years, then entering as a student the law office of John A. Holman, at Indianapolis. Ill health forced him to return to the farm in Rush county after eighteen months spent in preparation for the legal profession, but in a few months he once more attempted his chosen calling. He was admitted to the Rush county bar, and entered the office of Sleeth & Study, but the condition of his health forbade his continuance as a lawyer, and in two years he was compelled to give up his cherished ambition. He accordingly interested himself in the stove and tinware business, in 1870 forming a partnership with M. C. Kitchen, which lasted for four years. In 1886 Mr. Green was elected on the Republican ticket as representative from Rush county to the state legislature. Thomas M. Green was married on June 5, 1879, to Anna D. Foxworthy, daughter of James H. and Cynthia A. (Barrett) Foxworthy, natives of Rush county, and they became the parents of four children: Paul D., Lowell M., Myron R. and Alma M. Lowell M. Green received his preliminary schooling in the public schools of Rushville and was graduated from the high school with the class of 1899. He then

attended Indiana University for two years, taking the pre-medical course, and thereafter took a four-years course at Indiana Medical College, from which he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1906. Upon receiving his diploma Doctor Green began the practice of his profession in Indianapolis, but in the fall of that same year returned to Rushville where he opened an office, and has there continued in practice. On July 19, 1917, Doctor Green volunteered for service in the World war and was commissioned a first lieutenant in the Fourth regiment (infantry) of the Indiana National Guard. He recruited a medical unit of thirty-three men, thirty-one of whom were residents of Rush county, and on August 5, 1917, this unit was mustered into the Federal service as the Infirmary of the One Hundred and Thirty-ninth Field Artillery. After a month's training at Camp Wolfe, Rushville, the company was ordered to Fort Benjamin Harrison, at Indianapolis, and on September 28, 1917, was sent to Camp Shelby, Hattiesburg, Miss. After months of training and weary waiting, the division of which this unit was a part was sent overseas to France. Returning to this country in the spring of 1919 the organization was discharged. Doctor Green was discharged from the service on January 20, 1919, with the rank of captain in the Medical Corps, United States Army. Doctor Green is a member of Rush Post, No. 150, American Legion, and was chairman of the first executive committee of that patriotic organization. He is a life member of the American Red Cross and a member of the Rush County Medical Society, the Sixth District Medical Society, the Union District Medical Society, the Indiana State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He is a thirty-second degree Mason, affiliated with Phoenix Lodge, No. 62, Free and Accepted Masons, at Rushville; Rush Chapter, No. 24, Royal Arch Masons; Rush Council, No. 41, Royal and Select Masters, and Rushville Commandery, No. 49, Knights Templar, and with the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Indianapolis, and is a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, affiliated with Murat Temple at Indianapolis. He is a member of the college fraternities Beta Theta Pi and Phi Chi and is likewise affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Fraternal Order of Eagles. He is a Republican and he and his wife are members of the United Presbyterian church. On September 15, 1910, Dr. Lowell M. Green was united in marriage to Maud B. Fargo, an alumnus of DePauw University and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis W. Fargo, natives of Virginia, and to this union two children have been born, both sons, Thomas M. Green, Jr., and Lowell M. Green, Jr.

H. E. DAUBENSPECK, one of those farmers of Rush county whose success is directly attributable to astute and careful management, conducts large farming operations in Union township from his home in Rushville. He was born on September 20, 1858, in Union township, the son of Harvey and Margaret (Hinchman) Daubenspeck, the former a native of Kentucky, the latter of Rush county.

Harvey Daubenspeck came to this county on September 12, 1827, when two years of age, with his father Jacob, who entered and bought land in Union township, farming and trading throughout his entire life. He was an intensely religious man, was a preacher in the Christian church, and was one of the founders of Ben Davis Creek Church. At one time during his life he owned about 700 acres in this county and died full of honor and years at the advanced age of ninety-seven. Harvey Daubenspeck received his education in the public schools of the township, and grew to manhood on his father's farm. He then rented land from his father and began farming for himself, and in 1849 he bought 160 acres in Union township where he lived until 1865. At that time he bought an additional 160 acres in the same section, to which he moved. Here he continued successfully, acquiring in all 510 acres, all in Union township, before death called him in 1918 at the age of ninety-two years. He was one of the most extensive stock raisers of the county, feeding out all his own grain and buying other, feeding out as an approximate average 200 head of hogs and from fifty to seventy-five of cattle. He and his wife were the parents of eleven children, nine of whom are now living, those besides the subject of this sketch being Emely, widow of O. M. Smith, who lives at the corner of Ninth and Harrison streets in Rushville; Elizabeth, now Mrs. Anthony Kline; Rebecca, now Mrs. James M. Smith, of Union township, this county; Jacob C., who lives in Idaho; Effie, now Mrs. A. C. Haskett, of Union township; Philip S., who is farming the home place in Union township; Iva, who is making her home with Mrs. A. C. Haskett, and Miles of Fayette county. H. E. Daubenspeck was educated in the schools at Glenwood and upon leaving school he farmed with his father until he was able to buy eighty acres from him. Since then he has steadily added to his possessions until he now owns 605 acres, all in Union township. He has done a general farming and stock raising business, and on the home place of 285 acres, which he has greatly improved by the addition of modern buildings and equipment, he would feed out about 600 head of hogs and thirty of cattle. On February 21, 1883, he was married to Jessie Blackledge, a daughter of Clinton and America (Amos) Blackledge, and their union has been blessed with four children: Clarence, Paul, Ruby, and Wayne. Clarence married Laura Ging and has two children, Veril and Mary Ella. Paul married Hazel Hinchman and has two children, Robert and Marion. Ruby married Ernest Staida and has two children, June and Edgar Neal. Wayne is unmarried and lives at home with his parents. Mr. Daubenspeck has been one of the most earnest workers in the cause of the Christian church, and has held nearly all the lay offices, being now an elder. He is an ardent fraternalist, being a thirty-second degree Mason and a member of the Shrine, Murat Temple, Indianapolis, a Knight of Pythias and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. The principles of the Republican party coincide most nearly with his own political views, and he is consequently counted among its supporters, taking an active interest in all questions both local and national.

CHARLES HUGO, one of Rushville's retired citizens, was born in Switzerland county, Indiana, August 1, 1849, the son of Charles and Charlotte (Banza) Hugo, both of whom came to this country from Germany prior to their marriage, settling in Cincinnati. Charles Hugo, Sr., worked in that city at his trade of plasterer for some time, moving to Vevay, Ind., where he continued in the same occupation. About the year 1855, he removed to Indianapolis where he remained until his death, which occurred in 1861. He and his wife were the parents of six children, of whom two are now living, Charles Hugo having a sister, Sophia, who married T. W. Brown and resides in Indianapolis. Charles Hugo, Jr., received his education in the excellent schools of Indianapolis, and when he finished took up teaming which he followed during the war. He then was engaged in carpentering and later was employed as a fireman on a switch engine on the Pan Handle route until 1873. He next was a member of the Indianapolis fire department for three years. Thereafter, he spent five years in the South, near San Antonio, Tex., but in 1882 he came to Rushville where he has since resided. For twenty-five years he was engaged actively in business in this city, at the end of that period selling out his business and retiring. He realized that a safe investment lay in land, and he put part of his earnings into a farm of 246 acres which lies in Jackson and Rushville townships, this county. He has greatly improved this property, taking great pride in the general appearance of his buildings and equipment. Mr. Hugo was married in 1886 to Emma Posey, a daughter of Harrison and Sarah (Gardner) Posey, and after her death married Fannie Posey, her sister. Mr. Hugo adheres to the tenets of the Methodist Episcopal church, in the cause of which he is an earnest worker, and in his political views is known as one of the strong supporters of the Republican party. Mrs. Hugo's father, Harrison Posey, was born in this county in 1825, a son of Armstead and Catherine (Miller) Posey, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Ohio, who were married in the latter state and in the early '20s of the past century came to Indiana, locating in this county where they spent the remainder of their lives. Armstead Posey and his wife were the parents of nine children: Alfred, Louise, Eliza, Susan, May, William, John, Harrison, and one who died in infancy. Armstead Posey's father, Zephaniah Posey, who was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, spent his last days in this county, dying in 1826, and was buried in Hopewell cemetery. Harrison Posey grew up to the life of the farm in this county and became a successful farmer, at the time of his death being the owner of 400 acres in Rushville township. Harrison Posey's wife, Sarah Jane Gardner, was the daughter of Landon and Mary Gardner, the former one of the early farmers of Walker township, the owner of 900 acres of land. He was a Kentuckian by birth, and he and his wife were the parents of nine children, those besides Mrs. Posey having been Mary Ann, William, Amanda, Marion F., Robert, Emily, Louisa and Lucinda. Harrison Posey and wife had eight children, those besides Emma and Fannie being William A., Mrs. Louisa Wertz, James K. and Mrs. Minnie Moffett.

NATHAN WEEKS

HON. NATHAN WEEKS, an honored veteran of the Civil war, who died at his home in Rushville in the spring of 1911 while serving as representative from this legislative district in the lower house of the Indiana General Assembly and who had previously rendered service in the public behalf as treasurer of Rush county, left a good memory and in the memorial annals of Rush county there are few names held in better remembrance than his. Mr. Weeks was a native Hoosier, a fact of which he never ceased to be proud, and ever held the interests of the state close to heart. Though but an adopted son of Rush county, for he was not born here, he entered at once upon taking up his residence here into the spirit of things and ever took an earnest and active interest in public affairs, promoting in such ways as he could the cause of good citizenship and better local government. Upon the outbreak of the Civil war he enlisted his services in behalf of the cause of the Union and in the battle of Shiloh received a wound from the effects of which he suffered all the rest of his life. Mr. Weeks was born on a farm in the neighboring county of Henry on March 19, 1841, son of Benjamin and Winnie Weeks, who spent their last days in that county and of whose children Nathan Weeks was the only one to take up his residence in Rush county. Reared on a farm in Henry county, Nathan Weeks received his schooling in the schools of that county and as a young man learned the trade of harness making, presently becoming engaged in that business on his own behalf in the village of Greensboro in his home county, later establishing a buggy shop in that same village. When the Civil war broke out he enlisted his services and went to the front as a member of D Company, Thirty-sixth regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and was serving with that command when at the battle of Shiloh he received a serious wound and was invalided home as unfitted for further military service and was presently given his honorable discharge on account of incapacity due to this wound. He continued operating his harness-making and buggy shop at Greensboro until in the early '70s, when he came down into Rush county and opened a retail meat shop at Carthage, his first experience in that line. This initial experience convinced Mr. Weeks that he had a certain natural capacity for that business and he presently moved to Rushville, seeking a larger market, and opened a butcher shop in that city. He was a Republican and from the beginning of his residence here had taken an active interest in political affairs and presently was elected treasurer of the county. Upon entering the treasurer's office he discontinued his retail meat business and upon the completion of his four years' term of service in the court house bought a farm of 280 acres in the vicinity of Rushville and there established his home, operating the farm thereafter until his death on May 29, 1911. In the election of 1910 Mr. Weeks was elected representative from this district to the Indiana legislature and was serving in that honorable capacity at the time of his death. As

noted above Mr. Weeks was a Republican and was for years recognized as one of the able leaders of that party in Rush county. He was a member of the Methodist church, an active member of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic and was also affiliated with the local lodges of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Knights of Pythias, in the affairs of which several organizations he ever took a warm interest. In 1865 Nathan Weeks was united in marriage to Martha Macy, of Henry county, daughter of Lorenzo and Rachel Macy, and who survives him, and to that union were born three children, two sons and a daughter, Ulysses, George and Ella, all of whom are dead except the latter, who is unmarried, continuing to make her home with her mother at Rushville. Mrs. Weeks is a member of the Methodist church, as was her late husband, and has ever taken an earnest interest in the work of the church as well as in all proper movements having to do with the betterment of conditions in her home community.

ORIN P. WAMSLEY, proprietor of the Hotel Scanlan at Rushville, president of the Hotel Keepers' Association of Indiana and one of the best known hotel keepers in the country, is a native son of Rush county and has done much in his way to reflect credit upon the place of his birth, his popularity among the leaders of his calling in Indiana culminating in his election in 1920 to the responsible position of administrative head of the state association to which he had long given his earnest and helpful attention; a fitting recognition of his managerial ability as well as an unsought testimonial of the high esteem in which his associates hold him. Barring a period of several years during which he lived in Indianapolis gaining valuable experience in the hotel business Mr. Wamsley has always lived in this county and his acquaintance is county wide, even as it is state-wide among hotel men. He was born at the pleasant old village of New Salem in Noble township on May 26, 1882, a twin, but was bereft by death of his mate, Earl, when eight weeks old. He is a son of William C. and Eliza A. (Boling) Wamsley, the former of whom is still living, connected with the management of the Hotel Scanlan and familiarly and lovingly known as "Dad" to hundreds of traveling men throughout the middle West who make Rushville on their rounds and whose favorite stopping place there is the Scanlan. William C. Wamsley is a native of the old Buckeye state, but has been a resident of Indiana and of Rush county since the days of his boyhood and there are few men in this county who are better known then he. He was born at Oxford, Ohio, September 4, 1847, son of William B. and Mary (Ingram) Wamsley, the latter of whom was born in the state of New Jersey. William B. Wamsley was born in Boone county, Kentucky, son of George W. Wamsley and wife, pioneers of that county, who later came across the river and settled in Hamilton county, where George W. Wamsley was killed by a log falling upon him and crushing his head during a pioneer "barn raising" in the neighborhood in which he lived. William B. Wamsley grew to manhood in Hamilton county and after his marriage located at Oxford, in Butler county, whence he presently moved to Cincin-

nati and was serving as sheriff of Hamilton county at the time of his death there in 1851. His widow survived him but a few months, dying in 1852, leaving four children, William C. Wamsley having had three sisters (all now deceased), namely: Amelia, who married John Plough, of Rush county, and had five children, all of whom are now deceased save Mrs. Robert Downing, of Detroit, Mich.; Mary Eliza, who married John Mitchell, of Decatur county, this state, and had two children, Edward, who made his home in Decatur county, and Minnie, who married Newton Casey, of Rush county and died leaving two children, one of whom, Edward, of Decatur county, is still living, and Elizabeth, who married William F. Rhinehart, of this county, who died in Grant county leaving six children, all of whom are living, though none is a resident of this community, some of them living in Grant county and others in Oklahoma. Bereft of his parents when but a small child, William C. Wamsley was taken care of by his maternal grandparents who were then living in Dearborn county, this state, for three years and thereafter by others until he was thirteen years of age when, his eldest sister meanwhile having married, he joined her at Richland in this county, and was living here when the Civil war broke out. Though but thirteen years of age he volunteered his services to go to the front as a soldier. This patriotic offer was promptly rejected by the recruiting officers but the lad was bound to get into the war some way and he presently succeeded in entering the service of the Government as a horse boy to help in the work of moving cavalry horses from Indiana to points needed in the army, and in this capacity he served for two years and two months. Upon the completion of this service he rejoined the family of his sister at Richland and for awhile was engaged there in farm work, but presently (in 1872) opened a harness shop at Richland. In the following year he moved his shop to New Salem, where he established his home after his marriage in 1875, and was there engaged in business when in February, 1877, his establishment was destroyed by fire, entailing a complete loss of his business and more than $1,000 in cash which he happened to have on hand at the time. After this fire Mr. Wamsley resumed farming for a time and then took up the trade of carpenter and continued thus engaged, building in and about New Salem, until his retirement in 1913 and removal to Rushville to enter upon his present connection with the management of the Hotel Scanlan, of which popular old hostelry his son, Pearl, meanwhile had become the proprietor. It was on February 17, 1875, that William C. Wamsley was united in marriage to Eliza A. Boling, who was born in Anderson township, this county, July 12, 1854, daughter of Gordon and Sarah (Trees) Boling, both members of pioneer families in this region, the former born in 1817 and the latter in 1818. Mrs. Eliza Boling Wamsley died on January 6, 1898. By her union with William C. Wamsley three sons were born, Charles W. and the twins, Pearl and Earl, mentioned above. Charles W. Wamsley was born on September 27, 1876, and has always lived at New Salem, where he is now engaged as a rural mail carrier, a position he has occupied for years, he and his wife, who was Estella

Geise, who also was born in this county, having a pleasant home there. O. P. Wamsley spent his boyhood at New Salem, where he was born, received his schooling there and remained there until he was sixteen years of age, when he went to Rushville and became connected with the old Grand hotel, learning there the rudiments of the business in which he has since achieved a distinctive success. Not long afterward he left Rushville and went to Indianapolis, where he further extended his hotel experience and where he was married, continuing to reside there save for a brief period spent at Connersville, until 1912 when he returned to Rushville and took over the management of the Windsor hotel. In the next year (1913) he became the proprietor of the Hotel Scanlan and has since been very successfully conducting that popular old hostelry. Mr. Wamsley has for years taken an active interest in the affairs of the Indiana Hotel Keepers' Association and in 1920 was elected president of the association. He and Mrs. Wamsley and "Dad" give their personal attention to the operation of the Scanlan and thus have imparted to it that delightful "home" atmosphere that has made it so widely and popularly known among the traveling men who make this region. The Scanlan's dining room has a justly wide reputation, the cuisine commending itself to all who enjoy that rarest of features about the modern hotel known as "home cooking" and which is found at the Scanlan in its highest development. On May 6, 1906, O. P. Wamsley was united in marriage to Nelle G. McKee, who also was born in Rush county, daughter of Charles and Catherine (Simonson) McKee, members of old families in this region, and further mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume, and to this union two children have been born, Charles William Gordon, born at Indianapolis, who died at the age of five years, and Catherine, born on December 12, 1912. Mr. Wamsley is a Republican, as is his father. The latter is a member of the local lodge of the Red Men, and of the Pocahontas. O. P. Wamsley is chancellor commander of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias and chaplain of the uniform rank of that order. Mrs. Wamsley is excellent junior of the local lodge of the Pythian Sisters and both take an active interest in lodge affairs. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. Wamsley is leader of the choir in the same. Prior to her marriage Mrs. Wamsley had been for some time engaged as a teacher in the schools of Rush county.

AUGUST GAHIMER, farmer and thresher in Walker township, was born in Orange township, this county, February 20, 1871, a son of William and Kate (Leatherman) Gahimer. Both parents were born and reared in Rush county and the father has been a prosperous farmer here for many years, now owning 414 acres of good land. His children are August, Julius, George and John. August Gahimer attended the public schools in Orange township, assisted his father on the home place and all his life has been engaged in farm pursuits. Following his marriage he began farming for himself on a fifty-acre tract belonging to his father, and still lives on the same, paying grain rent. Mr. Gahimer is a thorough-going farmer, keeps everything in

FAMILY OF MR. AND MRS. CHARLES H. KELSO
Reading from left to right: Standing—Mrs. Thomas Kelso, Rayburn Kelso, Mrs. Paul Kelso, Kenneth Kelso, Mrs. Kenneth Kelso, Charles

good order and raises grain and as much stock as the place will support. He also owns and operates a threshing outfit. On August 18, 1895, he married Maggie Hauck, who was born in Shelby county, Indiana, a daughter of Peter and Kate (Henry) Hauck. The parents of Mrs. Gahimer were born in Germany and were young when they accompanied their respective parents to the United States. Mr. Hauck was a cooper by trade and had a shop at Blue Ridge, Shelby county. Of his family of seven children four are living, Frank, Kate, Rose and Maggie. Mr. and Mrs. Gahimer have one child, Goldie E., who is the wife of Albert Lestenberger, a farmer in Shelby county. They have two children, Lawrence E. and Leland A. Mr. Gahimer and family are members of the Christian church at Manilla. He has always voted with the Democratic party.

CHARLES H. KELSO, former member of the board of county commissioners, one of the best known and most highly esteemed citizens of Rush county, a venerable retired farmer of Richland township, who has done his full share in the development of his section of the county, which he has honored by his citizenship for more than a half century, has ever given his support to all measures for the public good and his name has been synonymous with honorable dealings in all the relations of life. Mr. Kelso is descended from an old pioneer family of Indiana, the Kelsos having located in Dearborn county as early as 1812, Kelso township in that county having been named in honor of this family, particularly for John Kelso, the subject's paternal grandfather. The subject's parents were Henry and Catherine (Carroll) Kelso, the former a native of Dearborn county and the latter born in Ireland. Henry Kelso was reared to manhood, secured his education and was married in Dearborn county. He followed farming and remained in that county until a few years prior to his death, from which time he made his home with his son, Charles H. He was a farmer during all his active years, owning forty acres of land. He and his good wife died practically at the same time and were buried on the same day. They were the parents of eight children, of which number four are now living, Hester, Elizabeth, Mary and Charles H. Charles H. Kelso received his educational training in the common schools of Dearborn county and soon after completing his studies he enlisted in defense of his country, becoming a private in Company H, Eighty-third regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, which became a part of the Fifteenth corps of the Army of the Tennessee. Mr. Kelso took part in many of the stirring campaigns and hotly-contested battles of that great struggle, in which he served nearly three years, being in the battles of Chickasaw Bluff, Arkansas Post, Vicksburg, Jackson, Missionary Ridge and other noted battles, and then was captured at Atlanta, Ga., and was confined in the notorious prison pens at Florence and Andersonville from August 1, 1864, to December, 1865. On his release, he received an honorable discharge and returned home. During the following two years Mr. Kelso was engaged in teaching school in Dearborn

county, but in 1867 he came to Rush county and for a time was employed as a farm hand. He then rented farm land, which he operated up to 1884, when he bought the place on which he now lives, his first purchase comprising eighty acres, to which he later added until his holdings now amount to 142 acres, in Richland township. He here carried on general farming and stock raising up to the time of his retirement in 1915, since when he has rested from his labors in quiet enjoyment of the fruits of his former toil, his farm being now rented. Charles H. Kelso was married to Mary E. King, the daughter of Charles and Alvira King, and they had ten children, seven of whom are now living, namely: Kenneth, who married Ella Barber and has two children, Fred and William; Fred, who married Jessie Krammes, and has three children, Lewis, Max E. and Louise; Charles, who married Catherine McKee and has one child, Mary Alice; Seth C., who married Mrs. Effie Hill and has one child, Easter Mary; James P., who married Ethel Simonson and has two children, Celia and Elmer; John M., who married Cornelia Inman; Thomas G., who married Blanche Hildreth and has three children, Carter, Alma and Hubert, and Rayburn, who married Amy Harget and has one child, Robert Charles. Mr. Kelso has been a life-long supporter of the Republican party. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons and of the Grand Army of the Republic. He and his wife are earnest members of the Christian church, at Andersonville, of which Mr. Kelso is an elder. Quiet and unassuming in disposition, Mr. Kelso's life of over a half century in this community has been such as to gain for him the universal confidence and esteem of all who know him. In 1904 he was elected a member of the board of county commissioners from his district and by re-election served the public in that important capacity until 1911.

CHARLES G. CARNEY, one of the substantial farmers of Noble township and a worthy representative of one of the highly honored families of this county, is a native of this locality, having been born in Rushville on July 26, 1881, and is the son of H. S. and Eva G. (Downey) Carney, the former a native of Ripley county, Indiana, and the latter born and reared in Noble township, this county. H. S. Carney was brought by his parents to Rush county in his young boyhood, and was here reared and educated, and here he and his wife spent their lives, the mother dying on October 30, 1920. Mr. Carney was a veteran of the Civil war, having served his country for four years as a member of the Fifty-second regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry. They became the parents of three children, those besides the subject of this sketch being Harriet, Ellen and Zora. Charles G. Carney received a good practical education in the common schools of Noble township, and after the completion of his studies he remained with his father on the home farm until his marriage, when he began farming on his own account on the place where he now lives. At the same time he rented 115 acres of land from his father, and has increased this until at present he is farming

about 300 acres. Energetic, discriminating and of sound judgment, Mr. Carney has proven himself a man of more than ordinary caliber and is numbered among the successful farmers of Noble township. He keeps his place well improved and attractive and its general appearance reflects great credit on him. He puts in about 120 acres to corn and practically the same amount to small grain, and also gives some attention to live stock, feeding out about 100 head of hogs a year. In 1902 Mr. Carney was married to Grace Wilson, the daughter of Edward and Florence Wilson, and they are the parents of three children: Dwight W., Florence G. and H. S., Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Carney are active members of the Little Flat Rock Christian Church. Fraternally, Mr. Carney is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, while his political affiliations are with the Republicans. A man of strong and forceful individuality, Mr. Carney has stood at all times for the best interests of his community and enjoys the respect and confidence of the entire community.

JACOB H. KNEY, a well known general farmer in Walker township, was born in that township on June 19, 1864, a son of Michael and Margaret (Wissing) Kney. His parents were born in Germany and both came to the United States when young. Of their family of seven children the following are living: Minnie, Louise, Emma, Rosa and Jacob H. Jacob H. Kney lived on the home farm until his marriage, attending district school No. 5 in boyhood and afterward helping his father with the farm industries. After marriage Mr. Kney rented land from his father and operated it for himself, and when his father died he inherited forty acres. Shortly afterward he bought the forty acres adjoining and since then has added until he now has 100 acres of fine land. He carries on general farming and raises some stock. September 27, 1888, Mr. Kney married Ella Branson, born in Shelby county, daughter of James B. and Elizabeth Branson. The father of Mrs. Kney was born in South Carolina and the mother in Kentucky. They had nine children, five of whom are living: Robert, Lawrence, Augusta, Anna and Ella. Mr. and Mrs. Kney have two children: Earl and Lavanche. The family are members of the Christian church at Manilla. In politics Mr. Kney is a Democrat.

CHARLES H. HARTON, who for thirty years or more has been engaged in business at Milroy, proprietor of a grocery and notion store, has been a resident of Rush county all his life. He was born on a farm in Richland township on July 27, 1866, son of Joseph and Emily (Brooks) Harton, both of whom also were born in this county, members of pioneer families, and who were the parents of nine children, six of whom are still living, those besides the subject of this sketch being W. E., O. M., Margaret, Ida and Ollie. Reared on the home farm in Rushville and Anderson townships, Charles H. Harton received his schooling in the excellent schools of his home neighborhood and during the days of his boyhood was a valued assistant to his father in the labors of the farm. He became familiar with the butcher business and as a young man went to Rushville, where for two years he worked as a butcher. He then took up the confectionery

line there and after a year in that line of trade located at Milroy, where he opened a confectionery store and also put in a small stock of groceries. That was about 1890. The business grew and in 1905 Mr. Harton bought the building in which he is now located, put in a larger stock of groceries, adding to his line a stock of general notions, and has since been engaged in business at that location and has done well, long having been recognized as one of the leading merchants of Milroy. His store room is 28 by 70 feet in dimensions and he carries a complete and well selected stock in the two lines. In 1892 Charles H. Harton was united in marriage to Myrtle Mansfield, who also was born in this county, daughter of Frank Mansfield, and to this union one child has been born, a son, Russell Harton, who married Leona Thomas. Mr. Harton is a Republican and takes a proper interest in local political affairs. In his fraternal relations he is a member of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and have ever taken an interested part in the work of the church, Mr. Harton being a member of the board of stewards of the same.

JACOB F. DOWNEY, cashier of the Arlington Bank, at Arlington, is a native son of Rush county, having been born in December 15, 1859, and is the son of James H. and Lucinda L. (Price) Downey, both of whom were also born and reared in Rush county. The subject's paternal grandfather, Jacob Downey, was a native of Kentucky, but in an early day came to Rush county and entered land in what is now known as Jackson township. On this tract of eighty acres he established a comfortable home and there he reared his family of seven children, two sons and five daughters: William, James H., Sarah, Mary, Elizabeth, Deborah and Rebecca. James H. Downey was educated in the Concord school of Jackson township and thereafter for some years he was successfully engaged in teaching school. Later he devoted his attention to farming, mostly in Posey township, where he owned 100 acres of land. To him and his wife were born two sons, John P. and Jacob F. Jacob F. Downey secured his elementary education in the common schools of Posey township, attending in districts Nos. 2 and 5, and then attended the normal school at Carthage, walking six miles every morning and evening in order to secure this higher training. After completing his studies, Mr. Downey engaged in teaching school, and followed that vocation for sixteen years, fifteen years in Posey township and one year in Jackson township. During this same period Mr. Downey was also engaged in farming, cultivating his land during the summer seasons and teaching during the winter months. After he quit teaching he farmed and followed the carpenter trade for about ten years, when he was selected for the position of cashier of the Arlington Bank, of which he is still the incumbent. The Arlington Bank has been an influential factor in the business prosperity of this section of Rush county. Mr. Downey is the owner of 230 acres of land in Posey township. On September 27, 1882, Mr. Downey was married to Mary I. Collins, who was born in Posey township, the daughter of William and Martha (Bentley) Collins. Mr. Collins was a successful farmer

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in Posey township, where he owned 123 acres of land. He and his wife became the parents of four children, namely: Eli B., Mary I., Mrs. Downey, and Omer, who died at the age of eighteen years. To Mr. and Mrs. Downey have been born three children, Clarence E., who is a bookkeeper in the Arlington Bank and also operates a part of the home farm, married Golda Hauk and they have two children: Helen and Buford C.; Blanche became the wife of George J. Carwein, a farmer in Posey township, and they have three children: Cedric L., Carl D. and Lois R.; Forest G., who is discount clerk in the Indiana National Bank at Indianapolis, Indiana, married Hazel Field and they have one child, Frederick G. Forest is a veteran of the World war, having served a year, ten months of that time overseas, as a member of the band of the Three Hundred and Ninth Engineers. Mr. Downey is an active member of the Christian church at Arlington and in politics he maintains an independent attitude, preferring to vote for the men and measures which most nearly meet with his approval. Personally, he is genial and companionable and enjoys a large following of warm and loyal friends.

FRANK McCORKLE, trustee of Anderson township, a substantial landowner of this county and the local agent for the sale of the Ford automobiles at Milroy, at which place he has made his home since retiring from the active labors of the farm about ten years ago, is recognized as one of the "live wires" of that section of Rush county and during the period of his incumbency as township trustee has been able to do much in the way of advancing public improvements thereabout. Mr. McCorkle is a native son of Anderson township and has lived there all his life. He was born on a farm in the vicinity of Milroy on October 22, 1877, son of John H. and Mary (Young) McCorkle, both of whom also were born in this county, members of pioneer families, and who for the past three or four years have been living retired at Milroy. John H. McCorkle is a son of John and Jane (Howe) McCorkle, both of whom were born in Fleming county, Kentucky, who located on a farm in Anderson township, this county, shortly after their marriage and here spent the remainder of their days, John McCorkle dying on January 16, 1850. His widow survived him for years and continued to maintain the farm home, directing the operations of the farm with skill and energy. John McCorkle was the son of Joseph and Hannah (Scott) McCorkle, both natives of Kentucky, the former of whom was the son of James McCorkle, a native of Scotland, who had come to this country in colonial days and upon the outbreak of the Revolutionary war had joined his forces with those of the colonists and while serving as a soldier of the Revolution was seriously wounded at the battle of Cowpens. Upon the creation of the republic he accepted a land grant in what then was Kentucky county, Virginia, and settled on the same, thus becoming one of the real pioneers of the commonwealth of Kentucky. John McCorkle, the grandson of this Revolutionary hero and the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, settled on a quarter of a sec-

tion of land in Anderson township upon coming up here from Kentucky and that tract is now one of the most valuable thereabout. He and his wife were the parents of three children, John H. McCorkle having two sisters, Sallie and America. John H. McCorkle completed his schooling at the old Richland Academy. His father having died when he was but a boy and he being the only son, he was from the days of his boyhood a mainstay of his mother in the operations of the home farm and after his marriage continued farming and was so engaged until his retirement from the active labors of the farm in January, 1918, and removed to Milroy, where he and his wife are now living and where they are very comfortably situated. He has a good farm of 250 acres and is regarded as one of the substantial citizens of the Milroy neighborhood. His wife, who was Mary H. Young, also is a member of one of the old families of Rush county. They have three children, the subject of this sketch having two sisters, Jessie, who married Cash Redmon, and Maude, wife of Hugh Cowan. .Frank McCorkle was reared on the farm and received his schooling at Milroy and at the Richland high school. From the days of his boyhood he was trained to the ways of the farm and after his marriage at the age of twenty-three became engaged in farming on his own account, renting a tract of 640 acres, which he continued to operate for twelve years and on which in addition to his general farming, he gave considerable attention to the raising of live stock, feeding six or eight car loads of hogs a year and also going in quite extensively to the breeding of fine horses. In 1912 Mr. McCorkle retired from the farm and moved to Milroy, on the edge of which village he bought a tract of ninety-five acres, which he later increased to 185 acres, and platted twenty acres of this to town lots, the same being known as the New Addition. Upon moving to Milroy Mr. McCorkle secured the local agency for the sale of Ford automobiles, his territory covering Orange, Anderson, Richland, the south half of Noble and the south half of Rushville townships, and has been highly successful in the distribution of this popular car. In 1914 Mr. McCorkle was elected trustee of Anderson township and so highly appreciated were his services during the first term of his incumbency that he was re-elected and is now serving his second term. During this period of service Mr. McCorkle has done much toward the general consolidation of the schools of Anderson township and in other ways has demonstrated his interest in the betterment and development of public conditions, long having been recognized by the people of that township as "the right man in the right place." It was in the year 1900 that Frank McCorkle was united in marriage to Inez M. Cowan, who also was born in this county, daughter of John A. Cowan, and to this union two children have been born: Gertrude Louise and Charles Wilbur. Mr. and Mrs. McCorkle are members of the United Presbyterian church and take an active interest in the work of the church as well as in all local good works. Politically, Mr. McCorkle is a Republican and has long

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been recognized as among the leaders of that party in his section of the county. He is a thirty-second degree Mason, affiliated with the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Indianapolis, and is a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, affiliated with Murat Temple, Indianapolis, as well as a member of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias at Milroy and of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at Rushville, in the affairs of all of which fraternal organizations he takes an earnest interest.

JOHN M. BEAVER, who died at his home in Union township in the fall of 1918 and whose widow is still living there, was for years one of the well known and influential men of the Glenwood neighborhood and at his passing there were many expressions of regret on the part of his hosts of friends. It is therefore but fitting that in this volume of biography relating to the old families of Rush county some modest tribute should be paid to his memory, for the Beavers are one of the real pioneer families of the county, having been represented here since the year Indiana was admitted to statehood and five years before Rush county was erected a separate unit among the counties of the Hoosier state. The first of the name to come here was Michael Beaver, who left his home in the vicinity of Georgetown, Ky., in 1816 and with his family came up into Indiana, later "entering" a tract of land in what afterward became Noble township in Rush county, where he established his home in the then wilderness, one of the first permanent settlers in that vicinity. His son, Elijah Beaver, father of the late John M. Beaver, was born in the Georgetown neighborhood in 1808 and was thus but eight years of age when he came here with his parents in 1816. He "grew up" on the pioneer farm in Noble township and in due time became a farmer on his own account and a man of substance, the owner of an excellent farm and living in a way that gave him a position of influence in the community. In 1831 there came into that community in Noble township the Rhodes family from Virginia, John and Margaret (Knox) Rhodes and their children, who had left their home in the Old Dominion and had come down the Ohio with their belongings on the flatboats of that period, stopping at Cincinnati, whence they outfitted with teams and wagons and came on up into Indiana, settling in Noble township, this county. One of the children of this Virginia family was Ann Elizabeth Rhodes, who was born in 1816 and was thus a girl of fifteen when she came here with her parents. Not long after her arrival she and Elijah Beaver met and it was not long until there was mutual recognition of the romance that had come into their lives through this meeting. They presently were married and after their marriage established their home on a farm in Noble township, where they reared their family and spent the remainder of their lives, both living to a "ripe old age," Elijah Beaver having been a resident of this county eighty years at the time of his death. The late John M. Beaver, son of Elijah and Ann Elizabeth (Rhodes) Beaver, was born on the farm in Noble township above referred to,

on January 19, 1842, and there grew to manhood. He received his schooling in the neighborhood schools and remained at home assisting his father in the development of the home farm until his marriage at the age of twenty-five years. For a year after his marriage he made his home in Wabash county, this state, and then moved down into Fayette county, locating on a farm in Fairview township in that county, where he remained until 1876 when he returned to Rush county with his family and located on the farm on which his widow is still living in Union township and there spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring on October 31, 1918, he then being in his seventy-seventh year. In addition to the farm of eighty acres in Union township of which he died possessed, Mr. Beaver owned a farm of eighty acres over in Fayette county. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Glenwood, as is his widow, had served for some time as a member of the board of trustees of the church and was generally active in community good works. Mr. Beaver's first presidential vote was cast for Abraham Lincoln and he remained an ardent Republican, ever interested in the success of the party to which his youthful allegiance had been given, an allegiance which continued steadfast throughout his life. It was on October 23, 1867, that John M. Beaver was united in marriage to Mary E. Stewart, who was born in the neighboring county of Franklin, and to this union were born four children, namely: Orphia E., who married O. J. Cook, and has four children, Willard, Wallace, Emma and Evalyn; Hugh, who married Adaline Gray; Chester, who married Blanche Murphy, and has five children, Lucille, Belva, Hall, Calvin and Mary Elizabeth; and Raymond, who married Edna Tinder, and has three children, Robert, Margaret and Marjorie. Besides her twelve grandchildren here enumerated, Mrs. Beaver has one great-grandchild, her granddaughter, Emma Cook, who married Ray Compton, having one child, a daughter, Mary Estelle. Since the death of her husband Mrs. Beaver has continued to make her home on the place where she has resided for forty-five years and where she expects to continue to reside. This house is located on R. F. D. No. 1 out of Glenwood and is very pleasantly situated. Mrs. Beaver also is a member of a pioneer family in Indiana, the Stewarts having come over here from Ohio about the year 1829. She is a daughter of James and Ann Elizabeth (Waites) Stewart, the latter of whom was born in Missouri. James Stewart was born at what is now known as Goshen, Ohio, in 1817, and was twelve years of age when he came with his father, Samuel Stewart, to Indiana, the family settling in Franklin county near Mt. Carmel. James Stewart's mother, who was a McClearney, died in Ohio and his father later married Margaret Earheart. James Stewart grew to manhood in Franklin county and was there married to Ann Elizabeth Waites, who was born in the vicinity of Lexington, Mo., and who was left an orphan at the age of twelve years. In 1855 James Stewart moved with his family to Wabash county and the rest of his life was spent there, his death occurring in 1888. His widow

survived him until in April, 1897, her death also occurring in Wabash county.

JOHN F. CROSS is one of the extensive landowners of Rush county and his home farm of 120 acres in Rushville township is under his own supervision, and is conducted according to modern methods. He was born in Jackson township, this county, November 2, 1855, a son of Jacob and Jane (Harter) Cross, natives of Greene county, Pennsylvania, and Kentucky, respectively Both were brought to Indiana at an early day by their parents and were reared and educated in Rush county. With the exception of a year spent in Iowa, Jacob Cross spent his life in Rush county, and devoted himself to agricultural pursuits. He and his wife had eight children, six of whom survive, namely: Polly A., Elizabeth, Malinda, John F., Laura, and Harvina T. John F. Cross attended the schools of Jackson township and was a student of the Downey school. After the completion of his schooldays he was engaged in farming with his father, with whom he remained until his marriage, at that time moving to his own farm of ninety acres which his father had given him when he reached his majority. Here he continued to live until 1902 and then moved to Rushville; but in 1910 resumed his agricultural operations, locating on his present farm of 120 acres in Rushville township. He also owns his father's homestead of 500 acres which he rents to his sons, Chester F. and Chase G. Cross. On his own homestead Mr. Cross is doing general farming and raises about 200 head of hogs annually. Mr. Cross has been twice married. On January 17, 1878, he was united in marriage to Olive Powell, daughter of John M. and Mary E. (Porter) Powell, natives of Kentucky and Rush county, Indiana, respectively, the former of whom was a farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Powell had three children, but only one, Homer, survives. Mrs. Olive Cross was born in Jackson township, this county, and was here educated. She died on May 10, 1900, and her remains were laid to rest in East Hill cemetery. She bore her husband three children, of whom two survive: Chester F. and Chase G., Nora having died at the age of ten years. On February 20, 1910, Mr. Cross married Lula Smith, daughter of William P. and Frances E. (Porter) Smith, and who died on May 8, 1921. Mr. Smith was a machinist of Jackson township, where his daughter was born. Mr. and Mrs. Smith had eight children, of whom five are now living, Laura, Mila A., Charles, Cassius, and Hazel M. Mr. Cross is a Democrat. The two sons of Mr. Cross are married. Chester F. Cross married Carrie Northam and has one child, Tracy. Chase G. Cross married Jennie Osborn and has three children, Olive, Mary E. and Annabelle. These young men are numbered among the alert young farmers of Jackson township and are very successful in their work of conducting the old Cross homestead in that neighborhood.

W. H. SMELSER, one of the favorably known and representative citizens of Rush county, in which he has spent his life, has a fine farm in Noble township. He was born in Jackson township, this

county, on May 3, 1851, the son of Boone D. and Malissa (Morris) Smelser, the former a native of Union county, Indiana, and the latter of Rushville township, this county. Boone DeHaven Smelser, grandfather on his mother's side, was a relative of the DeHaven that loaned George Washington $50,000 at Valley Forge to carry on the Revolutionary war. The Smelser family comes of sterling old Kentucky stock. The subject's grandfather, John Smelser, came in an early day to Union county, Indiana. Sometime later he came to Rush county and bought a large tract of land in Jackson township. His son, Boone D. Smelser, was but three weeks old when the family came to Rush county and he was reared to manhood on the Jackson township farm, securing his education in the schools of that neighborhood. After his marriage, he devoted his attention to farming, which he followed during the remainder of his life. He was successful and at one time was the owner of 600 acres of land in Jackson township. Selling that land, he bought 720 acres of land in Montgomery county, which he operated for four years. He then went to Alabama, but a short time later he came back to Rush county and bought 160 acres in Union township, where he was engaged in farming up to the time of his retirement. He carried on general farming operations, giving special attention to the raising of wheat, and also raised considerable live stock. He and his wife are both deceased, his death occurring in 1914 and that of his wife in 1895. They were the parents of eleven children, of whom seven are now living, namely: W. H., Fannie, John, Laura, Edward, Bert and Mattie. W. H. Smelser received his education in the common schools of Jackson township, and after completing his studies he worked for his father on the home farm up to the time of his marriage. He then started farming for himself in Union township, renting land for a number of years, and then, in 1900, he bought the place on which he is now living in Noble township, comprising 110 acres. He has placed all of the improvements on this place, has always maintained it in the best possible condition and has met with excellent success in his operations. Besides carrying on a general line of farming, he feeds from fifty to sixty hogs a year, giving special preference to the Poland China breed. In 1875 Mr. Smelser was married to Sarah Hinchman, the daughter of Andrew and Mary Hinchman, and they have become the parents of five children: Cora, Charles, Albert, Chester and Chase. Cora became the wife of O. D. Green and they have seven children: Marie, Maude, Anna, Florence, Frank, Earl and Harvey. Albert married Opal Sims and they have one child, Maxine. Chester married Bessie Smith and they have one child, Josephine. Politically, Mr. Smelser gives his support to the Democratic party.

THOMAS SULLIVAN, one of Rush county's prominent retired business men, was born on March 16, 1859, in Wayne county, Indiana, the son of Jeremiah and Nora (O'Brien) Sullivan, the former a native of County Clair, Ireland, the latter of County Kerry. They were married in Ireland, where Mr. Sullivan followed the occupation of florist, but realizing that there were far greater opportunities for success awaiting them in America, they made their way hither about

the year 1856. They first located in Pennsylvania where he followed his trade of florist, but later came to Indiana and he was employed as a farmer in Wayne county until the outbreak of the Civil war. Then, though so recent an arrival in the United States, he could not bear to think of the flag he had come to love go down to destruction, and he immediately volunteered in the Eighth Indiana Volunteer Infantry regiment under Colonel Benton, serving throughout the war. He was in three armies, the Potomac, the West, and the Gulf, and saw some of the hottest fighting of the great struggle, participating in the battles of Shiloh, Pea Ridge, Wilderness, Fort Donaldson, Gettysburg and Stone River. When discharged from the service, he returned to Wayne county where he passed the remainder of his days. He and his wife became the parents of thirteen children, four of whom are now living: John, Hannah, Maggie, and Thomas. One son, Jerry, volunteered in the Union army, though but sixteen years old, and laid his life upon the altar of freedom, being killed in the first engagement in which he was engaged. Thomas Sullivan was educated in Wayne county, and after leaving school worked in a machine shop for several years. He then took up the molding trade at Richmond, Ind., and in 1871 removed to Indianapolis where he was employed in the Quaker City Machine Works until 1876. At that time he came to Rushville to work in the Nolan-Madden foundry where he helped make the first casting ever done in Rushville. For the next twenty years he was engaged off and on at the foundry, and then conducted a transfer business for several years. Next he became the proprietor of a saloon, and after seven years sold out to devote his time to farming in which he has been successful, having acquired 140 acres of land lying in Rushville township. In 1878, he was married to Catherine Ryan, and to their union have been born four children: Francis, Jerry, Mae, and Anna. Francis married Viola Gordon and died on August 29, 1915, leaving his wife and six children survivors: Margaret, Frank, Thomas, Richard, Dick, and Dennis. Jerry and Mae are both unmarried, and Anna married Doctor Dragoo. The entire family are communicants of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Rushville.

ARNOLD ORME, member of the firm of Ball & Orme, operating a grain elevator at Rushville, is an enterprising business man at that city. He was born in Walker township, this county, September 4, 1878, a son of William and Amanda (Lower) Orme, also natives of Rush county. His father was a farmer and owned 160 acres of land in Walker township. There were four children in the family and all are living: Lon, Dessie, Russell and Arnold. Arnold Orme attended the public schools in Walker township, in the meanwhile assisting on the home farm, afterward renting eighty acres of land in Rushville township, where he carried on farming for four years. He came then to Rushville and embarked in the elevator business and has occupied his present location for thirteen years, the business being conducted under the firm name of Ball & Orme. The firm handles grain, flour and seed, the capacity of their elevator being about 35,000 bushels. On October 25, 1899, Mr. Orme married Pearl

Ball, who was born at Rushville, daughter of Ephraim and Belle (Frazer) Ball, and they have five children: William, Thomas, Fern, Frank and Fay. William and Thomas have completed the public school course but the others are yet in school. In politics Mr. Orme is a Democrat and served three years as a member of the city council. He is a Mason, belonging to blue lodge, council and chapter; is a member of the grand lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and belongs also to the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen. Mr. Orme is well known over Rush county and his reputation is that of an upright and reliable business man.

JOHN H. McCORKLE, a well known and substantial retired farmer of Anderson township, now living at Milroy, was born in this county, a member of one of the pioneer families, and has lived here all his life, having thus been a witness to the amazing changes that have taken place in conditions here during the time of the community's progress away from the primitive state of things which faced the pioneers seventy-five years ago, and has thus many interesting stories to tell of the manner of doing things which prevailed in the days of his boyhood. The McCorkles are of colonial stock, the first of the family in this country having been a Scotsman, James McCorkle, who came to America in colonial days and settled in Virginia. When the colonists found it imperative upon them to issue their Declaration of Independence James McCorkle added his weight to the force of this declaration and joined the Continental army, serving as a soldier of the Revolution until incapacited for further service by a serious wound received at the historic battle of Cowpens. In recompense of his service he accepted a land grant from the state of Virginia to a tract of land in the then western county of the Old Dominion and located on the tract, thus becoming one of the pioneers of Kentucky and a force in the community when Kentucky county was raised to statehood. He and his wife reared their family there, in what is now Fleming county. One of their sons, Joseph McCorkle, married Hannah Scott and reared a family in Fleming county. John McCorkle, one of the sons of this latter pair, married Jane (Howe) Hillis, who also was born in Fleming county, and soon after his marriage came up into Indiana with his bride and settled on a quarter of a section of land in Anderson township, this county. On that place John McCorkle died on January 16, 1850, leaving his widow with three small children, a son, John H., the subject of this sketch, and two daughters, Sallie and America. The Widow McCorkle was a woman of true pioneer spirit and she continued the operations of the farm, overseeing the continued improvement of the same, and thus maintained her family there, the place being developed in time into an excellent piece of property, and it was there that John H. McCorkle grew to manhood, later established his own home when he married and there continued to reside, carrying on the operations of the farm very successfully until his retirement from active labor in January, 1918, and removal to Milroy, where he and his wife are now living. Mr. McCorkle has a well improved farm of 250 acres over the operations of which he continues to keep a supervisory eye.

ROWLAND H. HILL
(From Photo taken in Indiana Senate Chamber, 1921)

John H. McCorkle has been twice married. It was in 1877 that he was united in marriage to Mary H. Young, who also was born in this county, a member of one of the pioneer families, and to this union three children were born, a son and two daughters: Frank, Jessie and Maude. Frank McCorkle, a landowner of Anderson township, trustee of the township and dealer in Ford automobiles at Milroy, married Inez M. Cowan and has two children: Gertrude and Wilbur. Jessie McCorkle married Cash Redmon and has two children: Howard and John David, and Maude McCorkle married Hugh Cowan and has one child, Maurice. Mrs. Mary H. McCorkle died in 1906 and in 1918 Mr. McCorkle married Mrs. Anna Somerville Bosley, daughter of Watson Somerville and widow of Alonzo Bosley. Mr. and Mrs. McCorkle are members of the United Presbyterian church and in his political views Mr. McCorkle is a Republican.

HON. ROWLAND H. HILL, of Carthage, state senator from this district and prominent among the men whose inherent ability, great industry, accurate forethought and sound and reliable judgment have added to the character, wealth and good government of Rush county, and more particularly of the community of Carthage, is a native Hoosier and has lived in this state all his life. Senator Hill was born in Hancock county, Indiana, June 5, 1878, son and only child of Samuel B. and Mary R. (Hadley) Hill, both also Hoosiers, the former a native of Wayne county and the latter of Hendricks county. For a number of years Samuel B. Hill was engaged in agricultural operations in Hancock county, but eventually came to Carthage, where, with his son, he was the owner and operator of a dry goods store for about twelve years. He stood high in business circles of his community, where he was recognized generally as a man of high principles, while as a citizen the manner in which he discharged his responsibilities left no doubt as to his public spirit. Rowland H. Hill was but a child when brought by his parents to Carthage, and his primary education was acquired in the graded schools of that place. After graduating from the high school he pursued an academic course at Earlham College, and in 1898 became his father's partner in the conduct of a dry goods business at Carthage. This they carried on with success until 1908, when they sold out, and Rowland H. Hill at that time became a traveling salesman. He was a representative on the road for the Geddes-Brown Shoe Company, of Indianapolis, until 1914, when he returned to Carthage and purchased the grain elevator and coal yard which he now owns and operates. The elevator has a capacity of 5,000 bushels, and the coal yard is one which covers a large area. Both ventures have prospered greatly under the owner's capable and energetic management. In addition, Mr. Hill is the owner of a large and productive farm in Rush county and is an extensive dealer in hogs, buying and feeding off on an average of 2,000 each season. In business circles he is known as a man of the highest integrity and possesses in the fullest degree the esteem and respect, as well as the confidence, of his associates.

He has for years been interested in public affairs and in 1920 was elected a member of the Indiana state Senate on the Republican ticket. His work in that body has been constructive and beneficial and has marked him as one of the working members. In October, 1900, Senator Hill was united in marriage to Verna Sutermeister, who was born at LaPorte, Ind., where she was reared and primarily educated, later pursuing a course at Earlham College. She is a daughter of Constantine and Rachael (Denham) Sutermeister, the former a native of Scotland, and the latter of the state of Indiana. Mrs. Hill's parents being farming people throughout their lives. They had two children: Verna and an infant, deceased. Senator and Mrs. Hill are members of the Carthage Meeting of Friends. Senator Hill is well known in fraternal circles, being a Mason and Shriner, belonging to the lodge at Carthage and the Mystic Shrine at Indianapolis. He also holds membership in the Elks lodge of Rushville, the United Commercial Travelers and the Columbia Club of Indianapolis. During the World war period Senator Hill was one of the most active war workers of this locality and served as a member of the Rush County Council of Defense and as a director of the Red Cross Society of Rush county in its various drives.

ELIHU PRICE, a venerable and honored citizen of Arlington, now living in retirement after a long and busy life, spending his later years in quiet and in plenty as a result of his earlier years of strenuous endeavor, has been a life-long resident of the county having been born in Posey township on October 5, 1843. He is the son of John and Mary (Cotney) Price, both of whom were born and reared in Kentucky, whence they came to Rush county in about 1830. Here John Price devoted himself to agricultural pursuits, mostly in Posey township, and that he was successful is evidenced by the fact that he became the owner of 500 acres of land in Rush county. John Price was married twice and became the father of sixteen children by the two unions. Four of these children are now living, namely: Sarah, Elihu, Nathan and Jane. Elihu Price received his elementary education in the common schools of Posey township and then completed his studies in the normal school at Lebanon, Ind., where he attended two years. During the following eight years Mr. Price was engaged in teaching school, seven years in Rush county and one year in Jasper county, Illinois. He then turned his attention to farming in Posey township and devoted himself indefatigably until 1909, when he relinquished the active duties of the farm and removed to Arlington, where he now resides. His first efforts as an independent farmer were on rented land, but he later bought 160 acres, which was eventually increased to 230 acres. Since his retirement from the active management of the farm, it is being operated by his son Noah. The place is well improved. Here Mr. Price carried on general farming and stock raising and as a farmer has always been held in high repute. On August 17, 1871, Mr. Price was married to Mary Reddick, who was born in Ripley township, this county, the daughter of John and Catherine (Ruby) Reddick, both

of whom were natives of the state of Ohio. Mr. Reddick was a farmer by vocation and was the father of ten children, of whom the following survive: Lewis, Mary, Amanda, Elizabeth, Noah, Frank and Jesse. To Mr. and Mrs. Price have been born six children, all of whom are living, namely: John J., Mary C., Amanda, Jesse F., Sarah J. and Noah. John J., who is a farmer in Posey township, married Flora Jamison, who died on August 11, 1908. Mary C. became the wife of Jesse Nelson, a farmer of Shelby county, Indiana, and they have three children, Bessie married Rowland Earnest, a farmer of Posey township, and they have four children: Howard, Dallas, Katheryn and Robert; Braynard, farmer in Shelby county, married Alta Pitts and they have one child, Margarie, and Warren, a farmer of Shelby county, married Lillian Jordan. Amanda became the wife of Hugh Birt, a farmer of Posey township. Jesse F., who also is a farmer in Posey township, married Lillian Green and they have two children: Everett C. and Charles E. Sarah J. became the wife of Earl Mull, a farmer in Walker township, and they have one child, Leoto, who married and is the mother of one child, Geonie. Noah, who lives on the home farm, married Laura Abercrombie, and they have one child, Donald. Politically, Mr. Price has been a life-long supporter of the Democratic party and has held several public offices, having served four years as trustee of Posey township and eight years as justice of the peace. He and his wife are members of the Christian church at Arlington and, fraternally, he is a member of Beech Grove Lodge, No. 399, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Arlington.

FRED GROSS, merchant, and proprietor of the leading general store at Manilla, this county, was born in Walker township, Rush county, March 29, 1875. His parents were John and Catherine (Ottman) Gross, who were born in Germany and came to the United States when young, after their marriage settling in Walker township, this county. For some years John Gross followed the cabinet making trade at Manilla, but in 1861 became a merchant, establishing a store on the location that has never been changed, although there has been a considerable amount of expansion. He continued active as a merchant during the rest of his life. Of his eight children, the following survive: Kate, Emma, Caroline, Jacob, William, Fred and Otto. Fred Gross was educated at Manilla, where he was graduated from the high school, following which he began assisting his father in the store. In 1895 he and his sister, Caroline, jointly inherited the store business, and since that time Mr. Gross has managed the business very profitably, demonstrating excellent judgment and commercial foresight. On April 12, 1907, he married Vivian Barnum, who was born at Manilla, daughter of Dr. William E. and Lavancha Barnum. The father of Mrs. Gross has practiced medicine at Manilla for forty-five years. She has one brother, Dr. Emerson Barnum. Mr. and Mrs. Gross have two children, Fred, Jr., and Katherine. In political life Mr. Gross is a Democrat and has served four years as township trustee, having been elected on the Democratic ticket. He is quite active in fraternal life, being a Mason, belonging to the blue lodge

at Manilla and chapter, council and commandery at Rushville, and is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America at Manilla and of the Knights of Pythias at Blue Ridge, over in Shelby county. Mr. Gross is accounted one of the representative business men of Rush county.

MONET O. SEFTON, a successful farmer and enterprising citizen of Noble township, is a native son of Indiana, having been born in Decatur county on September 5, 1867, and is the son of George W. and Julia (Lanham) Sefton, both of whom also were born and reared in Decatur county. George W. Sefton was educated in the public schools of his native county and he then took up the vocation of farming, his first employment being as a farm hand. Eventually he bought land of his own and in the course of time became the owner of 160 acres. He was a veteran of the Civil war, having enlisted in the Seventh regiment of Indiana Volunteer Infantry, with which command he served for three years and three months. He took part in some of the great battles of that war, including the battles of Gettysburg and of the Wilderness. After the war he returned to Decatur county, where he remained until his death, which occurred on May 2, 1918, at the age of seventy-six years. His wife had died in 1869. They were the parents of five children: Julia, Emma, Mary, Stella and Monet O., the last named being the only resident of Rush county. Monet O. Sefton attended the common schools of Decatur county, and then applied himself to the cultivation of the home farm up to the time of his removal to Rush county in 1894. For three years he was employed by his uncle, James Miller, and then for seven years he was engaged in the operation of a farm of 160 acres in Richland township which he rented, followed by a three-year rental of a farm of 204 acres. He then bought his present fine farm of 160 acres, located in Noble township, and which he has improved and developed into one of the best farms in this section of the county, the place being devoted to general farming and stock raising. He raises fifty acres of corn and fifty acres of wheat every year and feeds practically all of his corn on the place, feeding from 150 to 200 hogs a year. Mr. Sefton was married to Maude Humes, the daughter of Israel and Mollie (Cooper) Humes, and they have become the parents of two daughters, Myrtle, who is taking the domestic science course at Purdue University, and Marion, who is taking music at DePauw University. In religion, Mr. Sefton and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which Mr. Sefton is a member of the board of trustees. Politically, he gives his support to the Republican party.

DONALD H. DEAN, M. D., who has by his ability and attention to the progress of his profession built up an enviable reputation for himself, was born near Columbus, in Bartholomew county, Indiana, the son of Jeremiah L. and Amanda (Heager) Dean, the former of Corydon, Ind., the latter of near Columbus. Soon after his marriage, J. L. Dean moved to a farm near Columbus and there his five children were born: Donald H., the subject of this biography; J. H., D. D. S., of Franklin, Ind.; G. D., an attorney at Indian-

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apolis, and Frances and Ella, both living in Franklin. When his children were yet young, J. L. Dean moved to Columbus, retiring from active farming, in order that his children might have the advantages of the public schools of that place. After completing the public school curriculum, Donald H. Dean entered Franklin College, from which he was graduated in 1885. Having decided upon a professional career, and after careful consideration of the merits of the various medical colleges, he was matriculated at the Chicago Homeopathic Medical College, from which institution he received his degree in 1889. For two years thereafter, Doctor Dean practiced at Columbus, Ind., in partnership with Dr. A. Rice, who had been a fellow student of his. At the expiration of this period, he came to the conclusion that there were greater opportunities awaiting him in a different field, and he accordingly located in Rushville. Here, though at first a stranger, his success was never in doubt, and he has gradually attracted to himself an extensive and profitable practice. His modern offices are situated in the Logan building at the corner of Main and Fourth streets, where he is able to meet the demands of his constantly growing clientele. On January 1, 1894, Doctor Dean was married to Mary A. Irvin, of Rush county, and they have become the parents of three children: Phyllis, who is teaching in the Fairview high school; Janet, who is attending Butler College; and Donald, the youngest, who is a student in the Rushville schools. Doctor Dean is a member of various societies in which he enjoys a deserved popularity, and in his political affiliations aligns himself with the Republican party.

JOSEPH S. WINSHIP, in whose passing Rush county lost one of its representative citizens, left a good memory. As the day, with its morning of hope and promise, its noontide of activity, its evening of complete and successful efforts, ending in the grateful rest and quiet of the night, so was the life of this honored man. Through the long years of his residence in this locality he was ever true to every trust reposed in him and his reputation in a business way was unassailable, so that he left the strong impress of his individuality upon all whom he met. Mr. Winship was a native son of Indiana, having been born in Boone county on June 22, 1847, and his death occurred at his home in Richland township on January 11, 1918, he having passed the Psalmist's allotted span of three score years and ten. He was the son of Jabez and Jane (Milligan) Winship, both of whom also were natives of Indiana and former residents of Boone county. Later they moved to Rush county and located in Anderson township, where they spent the remainder of their years. Joseph S. Winship was reared to manhood in Anderson township, receiving his educational training in the common schools of that community. After leaving school he continued to assist his father on the home farm, where he remained until his marriage, when he located in Richland township, where he bought 160 acres of land, comprising the farm on which his widow now resides. He later increased his land holdings to 188 acres and here he carried on

general farming operations with success and profit during the remainder of his active years. He made all the improvements on the place, these being of a substantial character, and brought the place up to a high standard of excellence. His attractive and conveniently arranged home is one of the best in this locality. Mr. Winship's active career was characterized by indefatable industry, persistency and sound business judgment, and he was numbered among the progressive and enterprising farmers of Richland township. Mr. Winship was married to Gertrude Hunt, the daughter of Morgan and Sallie C. (Brooks) Hunt. Mrs. Winship was born in Rush county, but when she was but six months old her parents moved to Franklin county, where she was reared and educated and where she continued to reside until her marriage. Her parents remained there until the father's death, in 1887, when the widow moved to New Salem, where she lived until her death, which occurred in 1908. They were the parents of four children, Gertrude, Elizabeth, Edwin and Clara. Mrs. Winship is a member of the Christian church. Mr. Winship was a Democrat in his political views, though he was never an aspirant for public office. Mrs. Winship is a lady of many kindly qualities of character, which have endeared her to all who know her.

JESSE F. MILLER, one of the substantial farmers of Anderson township, now living at Milroy, was born on the farm he owns in that township and has been a resident of Rush county all his life. He was born on November 11, 1859, son of Augustus and Celia (Winship) Miller, both of whom were born in that same township, members of pioneer families. Augustus Miller, who for many years was a well known farmer of Anderson township and for some time a member of the board of county commissioners of Rush county, was born on a farm in Richland township on February 16, 1827, son of Michael and Sarah (Thompson) Miller, Virginians, who settled in this county in the spring of 1823, two years after Rush county had been created a separate civic unit in the growing list of counties in the then new state of Indiana. Michael Miller was born in that section of the Old Dominion now comprised in West Virginia on February 28, 1801, and was reared there. At the age of twenty-two years, January 9, 1823, he married Sarah Thompson and in the March following he and his bride came to Indiana and located in Rush county, where the young pioneer had entered a quarter section tract of "Congress land" in Anderson township, the grant to the land, which is still in the possession of the family, bearing the signature of President Monroe. As an interesting sidelight on the subject of comparative land values it will be informative to the present generation to know that this pioneer paid the government $1.25 an acre for that quarter section. As in all that section of Rush county in its primitive state, this tract was covered with hard timber and the task the young pioneer faced in clearing the place and fitting it for cultivation was one that now would seem well nigh insuperable, but he and his bride buckled down to the task of creating a home for themselves and those

who should come after them and in proper time they had a fit abiding place there and a productive farm. In the log house they erected for their first dwelling place in the wilderness their three children were born: Christian, Augustus and Mary. Michael Miller continued to prosper and in time added to his farm an adjoining quarter section, which he also proceeded to improve, and on that place he resided until his retirement in 1852 and removal to Richland, where he died in 1878, he then being seventy-seven years of age. His widow survived him for twelve years, her death occurring at the home of her daughter in 1890, she then being eighty-six years of age. In the cabin home above referred to Augustus Miller was reared. From the days of his boyhood he was a helpful assistant in the labors of improving and developing the pioneer farm and he remained with his parents until his marriage to Celia Winship at the age of twenty-four, after which he established a home of his own, buying a farm in the neighborhood, and as he prospered in his affairs added to his holdings until he became the owner of an excellent farm of 400 acres and came to be regarded as one of the substantial and influential men of the community. Mr. Miller took an active interest in local political affairs and for two terms served as a member of the board of commissioners of Rush county for his home district. In 1881 he disposed of some of his interests in this county and moved to Greensburg, in the neighboring county of Decatur. He continued his political activity in his new place of residence and not long after moving there was elected to represent his district on the board of commissioners of Decatur county. He also continued to extend his land interests and at one time owned farms in Howard and Madison county besides his holdings in Rush and Decatur counties. Augustus Miller was twice married. By his first wife, Celia Winship, he had six children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the fourth in order of birth, the others being Louis Irwin, who died in infancy; Michael S., who died at the age of eleven years; Lucien B., now living in Rushville; Oscar G., who for years has been engaged in business at Greensburg, and Anna B., who met with a fatal accident when four years old. It was prior to the removal of Augustus Miller to Greensburg that the mother of these children died and in 1894 he married Sarilda Lanham. Jesse F. Miller was reared on the home farm in Anderson township and from the days of his boyhood was trained to effective farm ways. He supplemented the course secured in the local schools by a course in the normal school at Danville, Ind., and remained at home, a valued assistant to his father in the labors of developing the farm, until his marriage at the age of twenty-five, after which he rented a tract of land from his father and established a home of his own. Later his father apportioned to him a tract of 112 acres and to this he presently added an adjoining "forty." On this farm he and his wife continued to make their home until 1913, when they moved to Milroy, where they have since resided and where they are very comfortably situated. Mr. Miller, however, continues to oversee his farm operations and has lost none of the activity of former days, though living "retired,"

and it is but proper to state that these farming operations are carried on in strictly up-to-date fashion, his son, Donald E. Miller, being a valued factor in the continuing operations of the old home place, which has thus been operated by four generations of the Miller family since the original grant to the pioneer, Michael Miller, nearly a century ago. It was in 1884 that Jesse F. Miller was united in marriage to Minnie E. Elstun, who also was born in this county, daughter of Freeman and Lucinda Elstun, and to this union has been born one child, a son, Donald E., who is unmarried and who is referred to above as carrying on the continuing farm operations of the Millers in his generation in this county. Mr. and Mrs. Miller are members of the Methodist church and have ever taken an interested part in church work, Mr. Miller having been for some time a member of the board of trustees of the church. In his political views Mr. Miller is an ardent Republican, as was his father, but has not been an office seeker. He is a Mason, affiliated with the local lodge of that order at Milroy, and is also a member of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias, in which latter lodge he has been "through the chairs."

JOSEPH E. HARDIN, a well known farmer and stock dealer of Posey township and one of the substantial and enterprising citizens of Rush county, was born in Guilford county, North Carolina, on the 10th day of October, 1860, and is the son of Christopher V. and Sibbey J. (Faust) Hardin, both of whom were born and reared in North Carolina. The subject's father was a farmer by vocation and owned 200 acres of land. To him and his wife were born nine children, seven of whom are living, namely: John L., Cicero C., Peter A., Bettie, Joanna, Maude and Joseph E. Joseph E. Hardin was educated in the public schools of his native state and remained at home until he had attained his majority, when he came to Indiana, settling at Knightstown, where for four years he was employed as a farm hand. At the time of his marriage, in 1885, he rented forty acres of land in Hancock county, but two years later he returned to Henry county, where for ten years he operated a rented farm. He then went to Greene county, Indiana, where he engaged in the butchering and stock business, and he also became the owner of sixty acres of land there. Fifteen years later Mr. Hardin sold his interests there and came to Rush county. After operating rented land here for seven years, he bought the farm on which he now resides, comprising eighty-five acres of fine, tillable land, on which Mr. Hardin carries on general farming operations, in which he has been very successful. Mr. Hardin is also extensively engaged in the business of buying and shipping of live stock, handling large numbers of cattle and hogs. He is an indefatigable worker, a good business man and enjoys to a marked degree the confidence and good will of all with whom he has dealings. On January 15, 1885, Mr. Hardin was married to Rebecca A. Sexton, who was born and reared in Greene county, Indiana, the daughter of Joel B. and Mary (Lamb) Sexton, both of whom also were natives of that county. To Mr. and Mrs. Hardin have been born nine children, of whom seven are living, namely: Carl V., who is a

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farmer in Hancock county, married Elizabeth Manche and they have three children, Herchel, Lewis and Russell, Joseph B., who also is a farmer in Hancock county, married Eunice Gardner and they have three children, Harold, Wilbur and Joicey; Robert B.; Edith is the wife of Raymond Higgins, a mechanic in Indianapolis, Ind.; Edna, Blanche and Levonne. Politically, Mr. Hardin is a staunch supporter of the Republican party, while his religious faith is that of the Wesleyan Methodist church.

PHILIP S. DAUBENSPECK, a well known and substantial farmer and stock man of Union township, proprietor of an excellent farm there, was born in that same township and has lived on the farm all his life with the exception of a period of twelve years when he was engaged in the grain business at Glenwood. He was born on June 25, 1866, son of Harvey and Margaret (Hinchman) Daubenspeck, and grew to manhood on the home farm in Union township, receiving his schooling in the neighborhood schools. From the days of his boyhood Mr. Daubenspeck was well trained in the ways of the farm and after completing his schooling he remained on the farm, assisting his father in the operations of the same for about ten years, at the end of which time he became engaged in the grain business at Glenwood and was for twelve years thus engaged. In 1900 he returned to the farm to take up the operation of the same in his father's behalf and has since remained there, having taken over the farm after his father's death in April, 1917. Mr. Daubenspeck has a well kept and well improved farm of 230 acres, and his operations are carried on in up-to-date fashion. He for years has given special attention to the breeding of hogs, in connection with his general farming operations, and is accustomed to feed out from 500 to 800 head of hogs a year, thus long having been recognized as one of the leading feeders in this section. He also feeds a hundred or more head of cattle annually and has done well in his live stock operations. He has an excellent farm plant, with spacious barns and feeding pens, the plant including a cattle barn 70x160 feet and three others 40x60 feet and two 100-ton silos, and keeps things up about the place in real "ship-shape" style. In 1915 Philip S. Daubenspeck was united in marriage to Anna Cook, daughter of Wilson and Louise Cook, and he and his wife have a very pleasant home on rural mail route No. 2 out of Glenwood, where their friends are ever sure of a hospitable welcome. In his political leanings Mr. Daubenspeck is a Republican and has ever given a good citizen's attention to local civic affairs, though not what may be called an "active" politician in the sense in which that term generally is used. He does, however, take an active interest in general community affairs, movements that have to do with the advancement of agricultural interests hereabout, and his influence in that behalf has been an ever widening one.

GEORGE W. KUNTZ, a general farmer and life-long resident of Walker township, was born on his father's farm on February 19, 1874. His parents were Frederick and Elizabeth (Weber) Kuntz,

both of whom were born in Germany. Frederick Kuntz came to the United States in boyhood and later, in Cincinnati, married Elizabeth Weber, who had accompanied her parents to America in childhood. They had eight children born to them and four of these survive: Jacob, John, Conrad and George W. Frederick Kuntz was a farmer all his life and owned 176 acres in Walker township, this county. George W. Kuntz attended school in district No. 3, Walker township, in boyhood, helped on the farm during this period and afterward farmed for his father, and at the time of the latter's death, inherited forty acres of the old homestead. Later he bought thirty additional acres from his brother, Jacob, and now profitably operates a farm of seventy well improved acres. He feeds from fifty to seventy-five head of hogs yearly. On April 25, 1900, Mr. Kuntz married Jennie Cross, who was born in Shelby county, this state, daughter of Edmund and Sarah (Hauk) Cross. The parents of Mrs. Kuntz were born in Shelby county and her father was a farmer there all his life. They had four children: Frank, Vern, Clara B. and Jennie. Mr. and Mrs. Kuntz have two children: Opal P. and Voyd G. Opal P. Kuntz was born on October 29, 1906, and is a member of the freshman class in the high school at Manilla. She has musical gifts of a high order and is organist of the Methodist Episcopal church at Manilla, to which the family belong. Voyd G. Kuntz was born on January 17, 1911, and is attending school at Manilla. In politics Mr. Kuntz has always been a staunch Democrat. He is a member of the Masonic lodge at Manilla and belongs also to the Modern Woodmen lodge at Manilla.

CONRAD D. POSZ, farmer and stockraiser in Walker township, was born in Union township, Shelby county, March 7, 1869, a son of Valentine and Margaret (Backer) Posz. Both parents were born in Germany. The father was eighteen years old when he came to the United States but the mother of Conrad Posz was only four years old when she accompanied her parents to this country. Both families came to Indiana and settled in Shelby county. Valentine Posz followed farming there during all his active life. Of his family of eight children there are seven living: Catherine, Adam, Emma, Conrad D., Maggie, George and Barbara. Conrad D. Posz attended school in boyhood in Union township, Shelby county, and grew to manhood on his father's farm. When he married and started out for himself, he began as a renter in Shelby county, where he remained for fourteen years, then moved to Rush county and bought the farm in Walker township on which he still lives. He has 118 acres of well improved land, having put up substantial buildings and done a great deal of fencing and ditching. He has been quite successful as a general farmer and has given much attention to raising Duroc Jersey hogs, usually marketing about 150 head a year. On January 15, 1896, he married Louisa Kuhn, who also was born in Union township, Shelby county, daughter of Daniel and Louisa (Haehl) Kuhn. The father of Mrs. Posz was born in Germany and the mother in Shelby county. They had six children, three of whom are living: Herman, Curtis and Louisa. Mr. and Mrs. Posz have two

daughters, Ethel and Julia, both of whom reside at home, Julia still attending school at Homer. Mr. Posz and his family are members of the Christian Union church at Homer. He is interested to some degree in politics and has always voted the Democratic ticket. Mr. Posz is well known at Homer and belongs to the Odd Fellows' and Red Men's lodges at that place.

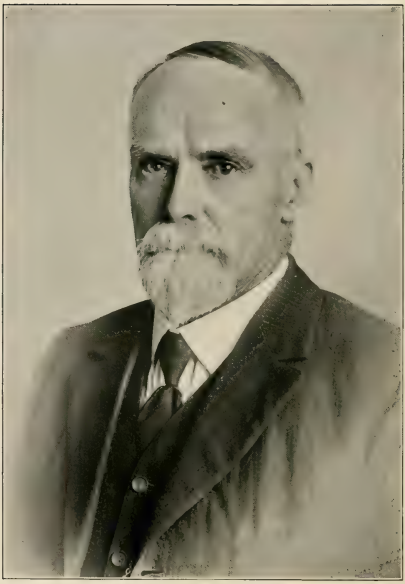
LEON C. McDANIEL, a well known farmer of Posey township and a man of high standing and influence in the western part of Rush county, was born on October 17, 1887, in Posey township, and has been a resident of that township all his life. His parents were Lee and Mary (Cowger) McDaniel, the former of whom was born in Georgetown, Ky., and the latter in Posey township, Rush county. The father was brought to Rush county in childhood and in the schools of this locality he received his educational training. He was a farmer and stock raiser, giving a good deal of his attention to cattle and sheep. He was married twice, being the father of three children by his first marriage and one, the subject of this sketch, by his union with Mary Cowger. Leon McDaniel attended the common schools of Posey township, followed by attendance at the Rushville high school, where he was graduated. He then entered the agricultural department of Purdue University, at Lafayette, where he was graduated with the class of 1911. He then devoted his attention to the home farm, which he operated for his mother until her death, when he inherited it and has since continued to operate it. Mr. McDaniel is the owner of eighty acres of land, which he devotes to general farming and stock raising, feeding about eighty head of hogs each year. On February 26, 1914, Mr. McDaniel was married to Bertha Woliung, a native of Rush county and the daughter of William and Ella (Gilson) Woliung. Mr. Woliung, who was a carpenter by trade, became a prosperous contractor. To him and his wife were born two children, Jesse and Bertha. Mr. and Mrs. McDaniel are the parents of one child, Mary Ellen, who was born on January 13, 1916. Politically, Mr. McDaniel gives his support to the Republican party, while fraternally, he is a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Improved Order of Red Men at Rushville. He is also a member of the college fraternity, Delta Upsilon. He and his wife are earnest members of the Christian church of Arlington and Rushville respectively.

PAUL L. DAUBENSPECK, who, starting upon his independent career as a renter at the time he had attained his majority, has advanced himself within the short space of eleven years to a place among the substantial general farmers and stock raisers of Noble township. Mr. Daubenspeck was born in Union township, Rush county, November 4, 1889, a son of H. E. and Jessie (Blacklidge) Daubenspeck. His success has been achieved on the basis of a common school education, a careful home training which stimulated a desire to be of use in the world, and the quality of perseverance which assures the accomplishment of any task undertaken. After his graduation from the high school at Glenwood, in 1907, he took up farming with his father, whose associate he continued to be until he

reached his majority. At that time he married and entered upon his independent career as a renter, which was his status for about eight years, in the last year of which he was operating a rented farm of 500 acres. In 1918 he purchased his present property of 160 acres, located in Noble township, where he has made numerous improvements, including the erection of two sets of modern buildings and the installation of numerous appurtenances and appliances indicative of present-day progressiveness. In addition to being a general farmer, he gives much attention to stock raising, and at this time is shipping about 300 hogs annually. Mr. Daubenspeck has an understanding of scientific agriculture that has secured the best results from his land, and its disposal is arranged with a view to the greatest economy of expenditure, as well as the largest rewards from various side lines. He is a member of the Christian church at Little Flat Rock, and gives liberally to religious movements, being also a generous contributor to charities and social demands. He is a Knight Templar Mason and an Elk, and gives his political support to the Republican party. Mr. Daubenspeck married Hazel, daughter of Robert N. and Sarah J. Hinchman, and to this union there have been born two children, Robert H. and Marion H.

WILLARD H. AMOS, a prosperous farmer and stock raiser of Rushville township, was born in that township on February 26, 1856, a son of Johanan J. and Amanda (Hildreth) Amos. J. J. Amos was born in Bourbon county, Kentucky, September 30, 1803, the fourth child of Nicholas and Ann (Jones) Amos, natives of Maryland. In 1823, he came to Rush county to live with his uncle, Abraham Jones, but returned to Kentucky, not returning to Rush county until 1839, when he located on a farm near New Salem, and became very successful as a farmer, at one time owning 2,000 acres of land. Williard H. Amos was reared on his father's farm, receiving his schooling in the schools of Noble township. He then engaged in farming operations on the home farm until his marriage when he went into business for himself on a farm of seventy acres. Since that time he has rapidly increased his holdings until he now owns 350 acres in the county. In 1900 he moved to Rushville and has conducted his various enterprises from that city since that time. He married on October 22, 1879, Ann Elizabeth Poston, a daughter of George W. and Nancy (McNeal) Poston, of Noble township, and to their union there has been born one child, Mary, the wife of Luke Duffy. In fraternal circles Mr. Amos is a well known member of the Masons and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and politically he aligns himself with the Republican party, in the councils of which he has long been regarded as a leader and for six years rendered public service as a member of the board of county commissioners from his district.

JOHN R. WARD, a well known and substantial farmer of this county now residing at Rushville, is a native of Rush county, having been born here on September 21, 1860. His parents came to Indiana and located in Jackson township, this county, where the subject grew to manhood and where he remained until his removal from the farm



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to Rushville about 1910, where he since has made his home, he and his family being very pleasantly situated at 1230 North Main street. Mr. Ward's parents, George and Mary J. (Lee) Ward, were the parents of nine children, of whom but two are now living, Mr. Ward having a brother, Leonard Ward. George Ward, the Virginian, was first engaged as a cabinet maker when he came to Rush county, but some time later became engaged in the practice of medicine, to which he had been schooled in his native state. Having been but a lad when he came to this county, John R. Ward received his schooling in the schools of Jackson township and as a young man became engaged in farming in that township, where, after his marriage, he established his home and in time bought a place of eighty acres. As his affairs prospered Mr. Ward added to his holdings until he became the owner of an excellent farm of 550 acres, which he continues to operate from his home in Rushville. It was in 1880 that John R. Ward was united in marriage to Harvina Cross, who was born in Jackson township, this county, daughter of Jacob and Martha J. (Harter) Cross, well known residents of that section of the county in their generation, and to this union were born two children, Mrs. Effie W. Abbercrombie and Roscoe, the latter of whom died at the age of twenty-four years.

JOHN O. WILLIAMS, former county treasurer, whose life history is closely identified with the history of Noble township, for there he has spent practically his entire life, a life of unceasing activity, was born in that township on December 13, 1848, and is the son of John and Elizabeth Williams. He received his education in the schools of his locality and then was employed as a farm hand. Later he rented on shares until he was about thirty years of age, when he married. During the following two years he operated rented land and then he bought eighty acres of the old home place, to the operation of which he devoted himself. Energetic and practical in his work, he was prospered and eventually accumulated an estate of 243 acres, all located in Noble township and comprising one of the choice farms in that section of the county. Here during his active years he carried on general farming operations and stock raising, but he is now retired from active labor and is residing in New Salem. On January 9, 1879, Mr. Williams was married to Ocea E. Matney, the daughter of Elijah and Adah (Roberts) Matney. To this union have been born three children, Chester O., Ada and Elmer, the last named of whom died on July 4, 1913. Chester O. Williams married Bessie Stone and has three children, Thelma, Letha and John O. Mrs. Ocea Williams was born in Noble township. Her father was born and reared in Fayette county, Indiana, and after his marriage came to Rush county, locating in Noble township, where he carried on farming operations during the remainder of his life, owning at one time 220 acres of land. To him and his wife were born eight children, six of whom are living, namely: William F., John, Elijah, Dora, Mary and Ocea. The two deceased are Edward and Malissa. Mr. Williams is a member of

the Christian church and in his political faith he is a Republican. He has ever given his support to those things which have been for the upbuilding of the community and his course has been such that he has earned and enjoys the universal respect of the entire community. In the fall of 1914 Mr. Williams was elected treasurer of Rush county and in that capacity served the county for two terms. He also has rendered service to the public in other capacities; was trustee of Noble township for five years and for some time supervisor of roads in his home district.

WILLIAM J. BROWN, a substantial retired farmer of Orange township, this county, now living at Milroy, was born in the neighboring county of Shelby but has been a resident of Rush county for many years, having moved to this county and established his home not long after his marriage. He was born on a farm in Union township, Shelby county, August 30, 1850, son of William W. and Nancy (Linville) Brown, both of whom also were born in that county, members of pioneer families, and who spent their lives there. William W. Brown was the youngest of the nine children born to Robert and Catherine (Cotton) Brown, who were among the pioneer settlers of Union township, Shelby county. Robert Brown in his day was known far and wide as a mighty hunter. He cleared the land on which he settled and effectually "blazed the way" for succeeding generations of the family on that place and as his nine children mostly married and reared families of their own the Brown family of that connection in this region is no inconsiderable one in the present generation. William W. Brown established his home in that section after his marriage and became the owner of an excellent farm of 110 acres which he improved and on which he spent his last days. He and his wife were the parents of five children, four of whom are still living, those besides the subject of this sketch being Franklin P., David E. and Electa, wife of John Linville. Reared on the home farm in Shelby county, William J. Brown became a farmer on his own account and after his marriage at the age of twenty years established his home as a renter in his home county, but presently came over into Rush county and for twenty-seven years thereafter made his home on a rented farm in Orange township. He then bought a farm of eighty acres in that township but some time afterward sold that place and bought the farm of 110 acres which he still owns there and on which he made his home until his retirement from the farm and removal in 1904 to Milroy, where he is now living and where he and his family are very comfortably situated. Mr. Brown is a Democrat and has ever given a proper degree of attention to local civic affairs, but has not been a seeker after office. He and his wife are members of the Christian church and have for years been interested in the work of the same as well as in all neighborhood good works. It was in 1870 that William J. Brown was united in marriage to Missouri F. Hume, daughter of Benjamin Hume, a member of one of the old families of Rush county, and to this union four children have been born, Wilbur C., Harvey F., Stella and Clarence, all of whom are still living and the first two named of whom are grandfathers in

their own right, thus giving their parents the distinction of being great-grandparents. Wilbur C. Brown married Myrtle Paulus and has two daughters, Mary, wife of Earl Harcourt, who has one child, a son, Robert Lincoln, and Carrie, wife of Clifford Harcourt. Harvey F. Brown married Rena Paulus and has one child, a daughter, Marie, who married Glenn E. Foster, assistant cashier of the Peoples National Bank of Rushville, and has one child, a son, Charles. Stella Brown married Owen Harcourt, who died leaving her with one child, a daughter, Cannie, who married William Ward. Mrs. Harcourt later married Edward Barlow. Clarence Brown, the unmarried son, is the cashier of the Milroy State Bank and has long been looked upon as one of the progressive and enterprising business men of that part of the county, ever interested in movements having to do with the advancement of the commercial and industrial activities of his home neighborhood, and, as his friends say of him, is "a mighty fine fellow," which every one must allow.

PETER KUNTZ, for many years a highly respected citizen and prosperous farmer in Walker township, this county, was born in that township on July 4, 1861, and died on his farm there on July 19, 1910. He was a son of Frederick and Elizabeth (Weber) Kuntz, both of whom were born in Germany and who came to the United States in youth and were married at Cincinnati. Frederick Kuntz was a well known farmer in Rush county and owned 176 acres of fine land in Walker township. Peter Kuntz with his brothers attended school in district No. 3, Walker township, after which he faithfully assisted his father on the home farm until his own marriage. He rented land from his father at first and later received from him the forty-two acres on which Mrs. Peter Kuntz now resides. Mr. Kuntz operated this farm very profitably, growing grain and produce and also raising stock. It was in August, 1894, that he married Anna (Porten) Brooks, who was born in Decatur county, Indiana, daughter of Henry and Mary (Mack) Porten. The father of Mrs. Kuntz was a stonemason by trade. Her parents had five children and she is one of the three survivors, having one sister, Mary, and one brother, Nicholas. Mr. and Mrs. Kuntz had one child, Frank, who died when nineteen years old. Mr. Kuntz was a member of the Lutheran church in Shelby county. He belonged to the order of Red Men and attended lodge at Arlington, where he was well known and had many friends. He was never willing to accept a political office but was always a staunch member of the Democratic party. By a former marriage Mrs. Kuntz had one son, Albert Harry, who died at Columbus, Ohio, barracks, having joined the army in 1913, passing away shortly thereafter.

FRED E. CATT, one of the best known farmers and most successful veterinary surgeons of western Rush county, a resident of Posey township, is a native son of Rush county, having been born in Center township on August 23, 1879, and is the son of Harvey and Abbie (Henley) Catt, the former a native of Hancock county, Indiana, and the latter of Rush county. They were the parents of five children, of whom those now living are Frank, Fred E., Walter

and Florence. The subject of this review attended the common schools of Ripley township and the high school at Carthage. He then entered the Indiana Veterinary College, at Indianapolis, where he was graduated, after three years' study, in 1916, with the degree of Veterinary Surgeon. After completing his professional course, he returned to Posey township and continued to farm and practice his profession. After his marriage in 1901 the subject engaged in farming on his own account, first renting land for about three years. He then bought his grandfather Henley's farm of eighty acres, which he operated for about three years, when he sold it and moved to Arlington, where he remained about a year. He then bought the splendid eighty-acre farm where he now lives in Posey township, and he has made many permanent and substantial improvements on the place, including the erection of new buildings, which have rendered the place very attractive and comfortable. Mrs. Catt also inherited a part of the farm where they live, so that the place now comprises 170 acres of land. Doctor Catt carries on general farming operations and also raises from 100 to 150 head of hogs annually. As a veterinarian he has won an enviable reputation throughout this section of the county and enjoys a large and successful practice. On the 23d day of October, 1901, Doctor Catt was married to Nelle Suitz, who was born in Franklin county, Indiana, and is the daughter of Frank and Mary (Reeves) Suitz. To Doctor and Mrs. Catt have been born one child, Leroy S., who is now a farmer in Posey township and who married Ruth Handy and has one child, Wilfred Nigh. Politically, Doctor Catt gives his support to the Republican party. Fraternally, he is a member of Beech Grove Lodge, No. 399, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Arlington.

NOAH O. MOORE, a well known farmer of Posey township, was born in the township now honored by his citizenship, on February 18, 1876, and is the son of John F. and Rachel A. (Leisure) Moore, both of whom also were born, reared and educated in Rush county. John F. Moore, after completing his studies in the Arlington school, turned his attention to farming and became the owner of ninety-seven acres of land in Posey township. Of the four children born to him and his wife, the subject of this sketch is now the only one living. Noah O. Moore received his educational training in the public school at Arlington, and then he took up the vocation of farming, working for his father on the home place until his marriage, after which he began farming on his own account, renting 320 acres of land from his father-in-law in Posey township. He operated this farm with success for nineteen years, and then moved onto the place where he now lives and which he received by inheritance. On this place he has placed many permanent and substantial improvements, bringing it up to a high standard of excellence, and here he has met with splendid success as a general farmer and stock raiser, so that some time ago he was enabled to retire from active work and now has the farm rented. He and his wife together own 204 acres of land in Posey township. On March 9, 1900, Mr. Moore was married to Fannie P. Nelson, a native of Rush county and the daughter of William H. and Elizabeth

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(Adams) Nelson, and to them have been born two children, Wildean O. and John L. Politically, Mr. Moore is a staunch supporter of the Democratic party, while, fraternally, he is a member of Beech Grove Lodge, No. 399, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He and his wife are active members of the Methodist Episcopal and Christian churches respectively.

WILLIAM A. HALL, one of the most substantial farmers of Ripley township, who is still carrying on operations of an extensive character on his valuable property not far from Carthage, has been a typical representative of the best and highest class in the agricultural element of Rush county. Mr. Hall was born on the farm which he now owns and operates, March 2, 1853, a son of Festus and Maria (Abernathy) Hall, natives of the state of Ohio. Festus Hall was engaged in agricultural pursuits throughout a long and active career, principally in Rush county, where he was the owner of 400 acres of valuable and productive land. He was also a man of prominence and influence in his community, and in 1858 was elected as representative of his district to the state legislature, in which he served capably for one term, during which there was a special session of the House. He at all times discharged faithfully the highest duties of citizenship and friendship, and was accordingly greatly esteemed among his fellow citizens. He and his wife were the parents of five children, three of whom survive, J. Chalmers, Frank L. and William A. Two died in infancy. J. Chalmers Hall is identified with the Abernathy Furniture Company, of Kansas City, Mo., manufacturers of and wholesale dealers in high-class furniture. He married Elizabeth Barton, and is the father of one son, Barton. Frank L. Hall is also identified with the same furniture house, and is a member of the board of trustees of DePauw University. He is unmarried. William A. Hall was given excellent educational advantages in his youth, first attending the common schoolhouse in Ripley township, later the high school at Knightstown, and finally DePauw University, where he spent two years. He then began farming on the home place, and in 1879, because of the enfeebled condition of his father's health, assumed its management. After his father died, in 1880, he continued to operate the farm as part owner and manager for his mother, and after the death of the latter, October 27, 1896, bought out all the heirs to the estate, and now is sole owner of the farm of 416 acres, one of the largest and best in that part of Rush county. Although he is now sixty-eight years old, he continues the operation of the land with hired help, and in addition to carrying on farming in a successful way has been a large grower of cattle, shipping about three carloads annually, in addition to about 200 head of hogs. The greater part of his agricultural work is done by tractors, as Mr. Hall is a believer in the efficacy of modern inventions and the use of up-to-date methods. Intelligent, practical, systematic, diligent, persevering and provident in his farming operations, his career as a farmer has reflected credit upon that vocation. Mr. Hall is a

Republican. During his attendance at DePauw University he was made a member of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity.

M. L. STEWART, a worthy native son of Rush county, one of the best known citizens of Noble township and the scion of one of the pioneer families of Rush county, was born in Richland township on July 25, 1860, and is the son of Samuel and Amanda (Limpus) Stewart, the former a native of Rush county and the latter of Fayette county. Samuel Stewart was the son of Harvey and Mary (McKee) Stewart, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of Virginia. They came to Rush county in their young days and were married here, being numbered among the earliest settlers in this part of Rush county. Samuel Stewart was reared to manhood in Noble township and secured his educational training in the common schools of that locality. In young manhood he went to Iowa, where he worked as a farm hand for about three years, and during which time his marriage took place. At the end of that period he returned to Rush county and rented a farm, to which he devoted himself until his death, which occurred in 1866. To Samuel and Amanda Stewart were born four children, James, M. L., Edgar and Samuel. M. L. Stewart received his education in the common schools of Noble township and on the completion of his studies he went to Warren county, Iowa, where he worked as a farm hand one year and then for two years operated rented land. He then went to Scott county, Kansas, and pre-empted 160 acres. After remaining on this land three years, Mr. Stewart returned to Rush county and rented a farm in Noble township, which he operated until 1899, when he bought the place where he now lives, his first purchase amounting to 100 acres, which he has greatly improved in various respects, so that it is today numbered among the up-to-date farms of Noble township. Here he has carried on general farming and stock raising and has gained a reputation as an enterprising and progressive agriculturist. Mr. Stewart was married to Luella Kemptner, the daughter of William and Rebecca Kemptner, to which union have been born three children, Paul, Ruby and Samuel S. The mother of these children died on December 2, 1920. Paul Stewart married Anna Holton. Mr. Stewart is an active member of the Little Flat Rock Christian Church and was formerly a deacon. Fraternally, he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, while his political affiliations are with the Republican party.

JOSIAH BISHOP, a retired farmer, now living at Rushville, was born in Union township, this county, December 15, 1842, and is the only survivor of his parents' family of eight children. His father, Purnel Bishop, was born in Maryland, and his mother, Julia (Kiser) Bishop, was a native of Kentucky. They came early to Rush county, traveling by wagon, and spent the rest of their lives in Union township. By the time Josiah Bishop was old enough to go to school, the Hinchman schoolhouse, near his father's farm had a competent teacher, and after his school period was over he assisted his father for a time, then bought the home place and conducted it himself during the last years of his father's life. In the course of

many years of agricultural activity, Mr. Bishop became the owner of 219 acres in the home place, 180 acres of this being in Union township and thirty-nine acres in Jackson township, and another farm of sixty acres in Union township. In addition to general farming, Mr. Bishop was very successful in growing stock, raising cattle, hogs and sheep quite extensively. On March 3, 1868, Josiah Bishop married Mary E. Cline, who was born in Jackson township, this county, daughter of Conrad and Sarah J. (Smith) Cline. The father of Mrs. Bishop came alone from Kentucky to Rush county, while the mother was brought here from the same state by her parents. Mr. Cline owned a farm of 161 acres in Jackson township. Of his four children three are living, Lewis J., Rachel and Mary E. Mr. and Mrs. Bishop have had six children, as follows: Alma, who is the wife of Greeley P. Mauzy, of Rushville, a farmer of Jackson township, who had two children, Chase and Grace, by a former marriage; Woodson C., a farmer in Rushville township, who married Mary McGee; Thomas, a farmer in Union township, who married Cora Webb, and has three children, Laverne, Robert and Thomas; Estel C., an accountant residing at Indianapolis, who married Louise Ginn; Rice, who married Mary J. Gray and rents his father's land and very successfully operates it, and Rachel M. (deceased), who married Alonzo McGinn, also now deceased, as is also their only child, Alma, who was born on January 25, 1873, and died on June 18, 1917. Mr. Bishop has never cared for political office, although for many years a vigorous supporter of the principles of the Republican party. He is one of the older members of the Ben Davis Christian Church.

GOLDIA CARR, who is engaged in the garage and transfer business at Milroy, one of the best known business men in that part of the county, was born in Rush county and has lived here all his life with the exception of a period of about three years when, shortly after his marriage, he was a resident of the neighboring county of Decatur. He was born on a farm in Rushville township on July 28, 1884, son of Leander and Callie (Parson) Carr, the former of whom also was born in this county, a member of one of the old families of the county, and both of whom are still living. Leander Carr is a son of George Carr, a Pennsylvanian, who established his home in this county many years ago and became a substantial farmer. Reared in this county, Leander Carr became engaged in farming on his own account after his marriage to Callie Parson, who was born in Wabash county, this state, and has continued farming, now the owner of a well kept farm of eighty acres in Anderson township. To him and his wife, four children have been born, two of them are living, the subject of this sketch and Urmston Carr. Reared on the farm, Goldia Carr received his schooling in the schools of Anderson township. After his marriage he bought a small farm in Decatur county and was there engaged in farming for about three years, at the end of which time he returned to this county and rented a farm in Anderson township. A year later he moved to Milroy and was for five years thereafter engaged in the garage of Logan Parson. He then started a garage of his own in a building 20 by 40 feet, giving special atten-

tion to repair work, and his business grew so rapidly that in the following year he found it necessary to seek larger quarters. He then moved into the old Mercer livery barn, a building 41 by 87, remodeled the same to suit his needs and has ever since been engaged in business at that location, doing a general garage, repair and transfer business. Mr. Carr started with one truck and now has five trucks and employs eight men in his business. Goldia Carr has been twice married. In 1905 he was united in marriage to Lena Fidler, who died in 1913, leaving one child, a son, Leonard. In 1917 Mr. Carr married Bertha Ray, daughter of Louis Ray, and to this union one child has been born, a daughter, Thelma. Mr. and Mrs. Carr are members of the Christian church and take a proper interest in the work of the same. In his political views Mr. Carr is a Republican. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the local lodges of the Masons, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Knights of Pythias, and in the affairs of these several organizations takes an active interest.

PLEASANT A. NEWHOUSE, former county commissioner and one of those farmers of Rush county who have gained the respect and friendship of their fellow citizens, is a native of Rush county, having been born in Jackson township, May 30, 1861, the son of Lewis J. and Mary (Hackleman) Newhouse. Lewis J. Newhouse was also born in this county, in Union township, May 23, 1824, the son of Samuel and Polly (Kitchen) Newhouse, natives of Virginia. Samuel Newhouse, who was the son of John and Elizabeth Newhouse, came to Rush county from Franklin county in 1821, entering eighty acres of timbered land in Union township. In 1837 he sold his farm, and bought a larger one of 240 acres in Jackson township where he spent the remainder of his days. Lewis J. Newhouse grew to manhood amid pioneer surroundings, and at the age of twenty-one began farming for himself. On April 17, 1849, he married Mary A. Hackleman, a daughter of Richard and Hannah Hackleman, pioneers of this county, and to their union were born five children: Hannah M. (deceased); Marshall E. (deceased); Elbert O., Samuel R., who is living in Jackson township, and Pleasant A. Lewis J. Newhouse had started out with eighty acres of land, most of which was paid for by ditching for twelve hours a day, and before his death he had increased his holdings to 400 acres by constant application to business. After the death of his first wife, he married Nancy Pouge and they became the parents of five children, Alfred M., who is living in Illinois; Harvey M., who is living in Center township, this county; Almeda, Schuyler C., who is living in West Virginia, and Erasmus T. (deceased). Pleasant A. Newhouse was educated at the Kinning school house in Jackson township, upon leaving which he took up farming in association with his father until his marriage. He then engaged in agricultural operations for himself in Washington township, where he remained for four years, when he moved back to Jackson township and bought eight acres of land. By careful attention and modern methods he has made a splendid success, having increased his property to 230 acres lying in Jackson and Noble town-

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ships, where he does a general farming and stock raising business, feeding out from fifty to 100 head of hogs per year. In 1881 Mr. Newhouse was married to Maggie Mauzy, a daughter of Peter and Jane (Wilson) Mauzy, and they are the parents of one child, a son, Charles L., who married Anna Caldwell. In his fraternal affiliations Mr. Newhouse is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Masons. Politically he is one of the leading Republicans in the district, and in 1914 his services to the party and his exceptional managerial ability were rewarded by his election to the office of county commissioner of Rush county, in which capacity he served two terms, his term of service expiring on December 31, 1920.

THOMAS W. LOGAN, in whom the business of general farming and stock raising, under the favorable conditions offered in Richland township, has an enthusiastic and successful follower, is a member of a family which has been represented in agriculture in Rush county for many years. Mr. Logan was born in Richland township on October 10, 1863, a son of James W. and Hester (Welman) Logan, also natives of this county. James W. Logan received his education in the public schools, and upon entering upon his independent career chose as his life vocation the occupation of farming, which he followed with much success, at one time being the owner of 871 acres, all located within the boundaries of the county. He was a man of thrift and industry, qualities which he had inherited from his parents, James and Elizabeth Logan, natives of Scotland, who had emigrated to Noble township, Rush county, at an early date, being married soon thereafter. James Logan entered 160 acres of land from the Government at the time of his arrival, and he and his wife completed useful and honorable careers here. James W. Logan was not only a man of prominence because of his material success, but because of his recognized qualities of integrity and public spirit, which caused his fellow citizens to elect him township trustee two terms. He and his wife were the parents of three children, Thomas W., Edgar E. and Jesse. The educational advantages of Thomas W. Logan were acquired in the district schools of Richland township, after leaving which he took up farming and remained as his father's associate on the home place for nearly four years. He was then married and commenced farming on a part of his present property, in the same township, and to this he has added from time to time until he now has 225 acres. Mr. Logan is engaged in general farming and stock raising, shipping about 150 hogs annually. He is intelligent, progressive and enterprising in his methods and the success which has attended his efforts is the direct result of his own efforts. On March 15, 1898, Mr. Logan married Leah Ella, daughter of Mahlon and Caroline Brooks, and they have one child, Clifton Warder, who resides with his parents on the home farm and acts as his father's assistant. The family is affiliated with the Methodist Protestant church at New Salem and Mr. Logan takes an active part in the work thereof, being steward and treasurer of the

church and treasurer of the Sunday school. He is a Democrat. Mrs. Logan was born in Richland township, her parents having settled there upon coming over into this country from Franklin county. Mahlon Brooks, her father, was a substantial farmer and the owner of a quarter of a section of land. He was twice married and by his first marriage had one child, a daughter, Emily. By his second wife, Caroline, he had three daughters, Mrs. Logan and her sisters, Eva and Cora. The Brookses were members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

JOSEPH B. KINSINGER, D. O., city health officer at Rushville and one of the best known osteopath physicians in Indiana, is a native of Iowa, but has been a resident of Indiana long enough to feel thoroughly adjusted to his Hoosier environment and to enjoy the same very much indeed. He was born on July 9, 1868, son of Daniel and Mary (Miller) Kinsinger, the latter of whom was a native of the Dominion of Canada. Daniel Kinsinger was born in Germany but came to America at the age of fourteen years. He grew to manhood in the state of Iowa and there became successfully engaged in farming. He and his wife were the parents of eleven children, all of whom are still living save one, Daniel; the others, besides the subject of this biographical narrative, being Phoebe, Christopher, William, John, Michael, Edward, Anna, Katherine and Rebecca. Reared on a farm in Iowa, Doctor Kinsinger supplemented the schooling he received in the common schools by a course of two years at the Southern Iowa State Normal School and two years at Drake University, majoring in pharmacy, and for six years thereafter was engaged in the practice of pharmacy at Bloomfield, Iowa. In the meantime his attention had been powerfully attracted to the practice of human healing as exemplified by the osteopathic school and he presently entered the American School of Osteopathy at Kirksville, Mo., from which he was graduated after a four years' course. Thus admirably equipped for the practice of the profession to which he had devoted his talents Doctor Kinsinger opened an office at St. Joseph, Mo., but after six months of residence there determined to seek a wider field and in pursuit of this determination came to Indiana and located at Indianapolis. A year later he moved to Rushville, opened an office there and has ever since been engaged in practice at that place, where he has done very well. The Doctor is a Republican and has been serving as city health officer since 1917. In 1897, at Kirksville, Mo., Dr. Joseph B. Kinsinger was united in marriage to Belle Houser, who was born at that place, and to this union have been born three children, Brenda and Marion, who are now (1921) students in the Rushville high school, and Richard, who died at the age of nine years. Doctor and Mrs. Kinsinger are members of the Christian church and take a proper interest in church work as well as in the general social activities of their home town, helpful in promoting all local movements having to do with the advancement of the common good. The Doctor is a member of the American Osteopathic Association and of the Indiana Society of Osteopathy and in the activities of both these professional organizations takes a warm interest. Fraternally, he is a

York Rite Mason, past eminent commander of Rushville Commandery, No. 49, Knights Templar, and is also a member of the local lodges of the Knights of Pythias and of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

WALTER S. MANSFIELD, proprietor of the leading general store at Milroy and long recognized as one of the most progressive business men of that place, was born at Milroy and has lived there most of his life. He was born on December 2, 1872, son of Frank S. and Susan (Earlywine) Mansfield, the latter of whom was born in Nicholas county, Kentucky, and had come here with her parents in the days of her girlhood. Frank S. Mansfield was born at Dunkirk, N. Y., and grew to manhood there, becoming an expert spinner. As a young man he came to Indiana and became engaged as a spinner in the old woolen mill at Milroy. When that institution was closed down on account of the more general distribution of the products of the greater mills of the East he became engaged as a carpenter hereabout, spending the "off" seasons running a huckster wagon throughout this region and thus became widely known throughout this whole country side. Frank S. Mansfield married not long after coming to Rush county and he and his wife spent their last days at Milroy. They were the parents of seven children, four of whom are still living, the subject of this sketch having two sisters, Myrtle and Mary, and a brother, William Mansfield. Ella, Carl and John O. are deceased. Reared at Milroy, Walter S. Mansfield received his schooling in the excellent schools of that village and as a young man became engaged in "railroading," a vocation he followed for two years, at the end of which time he located at Anderson, Ind., and was for eight years there engaged in the employ of the American Steel Wire Company. All the time, however, the call of the old home town was ever sounding in his ears and upon leaving the wire company's employ he returned to Milroy and opened a grocery store there, a business he maintained for twelve years, at the end of which time he sold the store and became engaged in the restaurant business at Milroy. Two years later he sold the restaurant and in 1917 opened the general merchandise store which he since has been very successfully conducting. Mr. Mansfield has a well-stocked store, carrying the only line of general merchandise in Milroy and conducts his store along up-to-date lines, ever striving to keep up with the growing demands of the local trade. His store room is 60 by 100 feet in dimensions and is admirably equipped and well stocked. In 1896 Webster married Hallie M. Mull, who was born in Walker township, ter of the late James P. Archey, further mention of whom is made in this volume, and to this union two children have been born, Carlos and Camilla. Carlos Mansfield married Ina McGuire and has one child, a daughter, Marie. The Mansfields have a pleasant home at Milroy and have ever taken an interested part in the general social activities of their home town. Mr. Mansfield is a Republican and takes a proper interest in local civic affairs. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the local lodges of the Modern Woodmen of America and of the Red Men.

EDWARD HOLMAN, an enterprising citizen and substantial agriculturist of Rush county, was born in Noble township on February 14, 1869, and is the son of Joseph and Martha (Wellman) Holman, the latter being also a native of Noble township. Joseph Holman was born in the state of New Jersey, the son of James and Frances Holman, who brought their family to Rush county in an early day, settling in Noble township. Here Joseph Holman grew to manhood and received his education in the common schools of this community. He followed the vocation of farming all his life and became the owner of 240 acres of good land. To him and his wife were born three children, Lot, John and Edward. Edward Holman was reared under the paternal roof and attended the schools of Noble township. After leaving school he worked on the home farm until his marriage, when he rented a part of his father's farm and cultivated that until his father's death, at which time the farm was divided and Mr. Holman received eighty acres of land. To the operation of this land he has since devoted himself and has met with a gratifying measure of success. He carries on general farming operations and also gives some attention to live stock, feeding about 150 hogs a year. He has put many permanent and substantial improvements on the farm, which is numbered among the good farm homes of this locality. Mr. Holman is energetic and a good manager and enjoys the respect and confidence of all who know him. In 1899 Mr. Holman was married to Frances Stark, the daughter of Henry and Amanda Stark. Mr. and Mrs. Holman are active members of the Methodist Protestant church at New Salem, and, politically, he gives staunch support to the Republican party.

C. H. TOMPKINS, a well known business man of Rushville, dealer in implements and local agent for the Oldsmobile Automobile Company, was born in Milroy, this county, June 2, 1878, the son of J. W. and Palma (Stewart) Tompkins, the former of this county, the latter a native of Kentucky. J. W. Tompkins grew to manhood and was educated in the public schools in the county, and then took up farming operations and stock buying, becoming well known throughout the community as a man in whom trust could be placed. He was elected sheriff and served the county in that capacity for two terms, at the completion of which he commenced the implement business that his son is proprietor of today. This enterprise prospered under his astute management for over thirty years, or until the time of his death. In his younger years he had for a considerable period been engaged in carrying the mail from Rushville to Greensburg, there having at that time been no rail connection between the two towns. He and his wife were the parents of six children, four of whom are now living, Nellie, R. L., A. W., and the subject of this biography. C. H. Tompkins attended the common schools at Milroy and the high school at Rushville, and upon finishing his education worked in a grocery store until the time of his marriage. He then engaged in farming in Jackson township for a period of ten years at the expiration of which he located in New Mexico for three years. Returning to Rushville, he worked with his father, and upon the

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latter's death became proprietor of the implement business. Since that time he has added to it considerably, carrying a general line of farm implements and harness, as well as being the local agent of the Oldsmobile automobile, of which he has sold a goodly number. He married Jessie Kennedy, a daughter of E. L. Kennedy, a leading contractor of Rushville, and to this union has been born one child. John K. Mr. Tompkins has been through all the chairs of the Knights of Pythias lodge and is also a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. The principles of the Republican party coincide most nearly with Mr. Tompkins' political views, and he is counted among the supporters of that party.

ALLEN JACKMAN, one of the best known and most substantial retired farmers of Anderson township, this county, now living at Milroy, where he has made his home for more than a quarter of a century, is a member of one of the old families of Rush county and has lived here all his life. He formerly and for years was engaged in cattle buying throughout this section and has a wide acquaintance hereabout. Mr. Jackman was born on the place on which he is now living in Milroy on May 6, 1849, son of John and Caroline (Tompkins) Jackman, the latter of whom was born in this county, member of one of the pioneer families of the Milroy neighborhood. John Jackman was a blacksmith who came over here from Franklin county and set up the first blacksmith shop in the then budding village of Milroy. He followed that trade there for several years and then bought a farm and thereafter devoted himself to farming and live stock raising, becoming the owner of a fine farm of 268 acres, and was long regarded as one of the most substantial residents of that section. He and his wife were the parents of six children, of whom but two are now living, Mr. Jackman having a sister, Bessie, wife of Oliver Smith. Reared at Milroy, Allen Jackman received his schooling in the little old log schoolhouse which served the village children in those days and as a lad became a valued assistant to his father in the labors of developing the home farm. He married at the age of twenty and then started farming on his own account, presently becoming the owner of a small farm, the acreage of which he gradually increased as his affairs prospered until he became the owner of a fine farm of 172 acres in Anderson township, which place he still owns, and there he remained, engaged in farming and cattle buying, until in 1893, when he retired from the active labors of the farm and moved to Milroy, resuming his home on the place where he was born, and has ever since resided there, he and his family being comfortably situated. It was on November 18, 1869, that Allen Jackman was united in marriage to Frances Winship, who also was born in Anderson township, this county, a member of one of the old families, and to this union two children have been born, Dora F., who married Nellie Patton and has one child, a son, Lawrence, and John, who married Mary Tompkins and has two children, Frank and Ned. Mrs. Jackman's parents, Jesse and Esther (Murphy) Winship, also

were born in Rush county, their respective parents having been among the real pioneers of the county. Jesse Winship was a son of Jesse Winship, Sr., who was one of the early settlers of the Milroy neighborhood and a man of much influence hereabout in his generation, as is set out elsewhere in this volume, together with further details of the Winship family in this county. The younger Jesse Winship, father of Mrs. Jackman, became a substantial farmer, the owner of an excellent farm of 320 acres and also exercised a helpful influence upon the community in his generation. He and his wife were the parents of seven children, of whom but two are now living, Mrs. Jackman having a brother, James Winship. Mr. and Mrs. Jackman are members of the Christian church and Mr. Jackman has for years been an elder in the church, and for some years was treasurer of the board of trustees. He is an ardent Republican and has ever taken an interested part in local political affairs, but has not been an office seeker.

WILLIAM B. WEBSTER, a well known general farmer of Walker township, this county, was born in that township on August 4, 1877, a son of John L. and Annetta (Linville) Webster. His father was a farmer in Rush county all his life. His mother was born in North Carolina. They had five children, Mary, Augusta, Elizabeth, William B. and Jacob H., all living except the latter. William B. Webster attended school in district No. 3, Walker township, then worked with and for his father on the home farm until his own marriage. At that time he rented land and operated it for twelve years, at the end of that time buying his present excellent farm of eighty acres. Here he follows diversified farming, keeps from six to eight cows and raises annually about seventy-five head of hogs. On December 5, 1900, Mr. Webster married Hallie M. Mull, who was born in Walker township, this county, daughter of Omar and Ada (Lines) Mull. Mr. and Mrs. Webster have two children, Harry W. and Donald M., both of whom are attending school at Homer. Mr. Webster and his family attend the Christian church at Manilla. He is a member of the Masonic lodge and also the Modern Woodmen at Manilla. Politically he is a Democrat.

MICAJAH S. SHROPSHIRE, who died at his home in Rushville in the summer of 1915 in the eightieth year of his age, was in his day one of the best known men in Rush county and it is but fitting that in this volume of biography relating to the old families of this county some modest tribute should be thus paid to his memory. Mr. Shropshire had served for a time as deputy sheriff of Rush county and in other ways had rendered efficient public service. As a blacksmith for many years in the days when a smithy was something more than a place for shoeing horses he had worked faithfully, a skilled craftsman in iron working, and his industry and skill brought to his place a trade covering a wide territory about Rushville, so that he had a wide and influential acquaintance hereabout. Mr. Shropshire was a Kentuckian by birth, born in the Blue Grass state on March 30, 1836, son of Moses Aaron Shropshire, who was also born in Kentucky, a member of a pioneer family in that state.

Micajah Shropshire came to this county in 1850 and took up the blacksmith trade. In due time after acquiring the trade he opened a shop of his own in Rushville and there continued actively engaged in the business as long as his physical strength would permit. After his retirement Mr. Shropshire continued to make his home in Rushville and there spent his last days, his death occurring on August 11, 1915, and he was buried in East Hill cemetery, beside the three children who had preceded him to the grave. Mr. Shropshire was an ardent Democrat and for many years gave his earnest attention to local political affairs. He served for one term as deputy sheriff of Rush county years ago and had many interesting stories to tell of incidents that came to his official notice during that term of service. He was a member of the Christian church and, fraternally, was affiliated with the P. O. S. of A. On July 13, 1882, Micajah Shropshire was united in marriage to Mary A. Matlock, who was born in this county, daughter of Thomas S. and Mary (Alexander) Matlock, and to that union were born three children, Blount, Lee and Noah, all of whom died in infancy.

JAMES FISHER, a substantial farmer of Richland township, who died at his home in that township in the fall of 1916 and whose widow is now living at Milroy, was one of the most widely known men in Rush county in his day. For many years he had operated a threshing machine in season throughout this region, thus acquiring a wide acquaintance among the farmers and for some time also he had served the public as trustee of his home township, this official service tending further to extend his acquaintance and as "Squire" Fisher he was widely known hereabout, and in his passing left a good memory, for he had many friends who will not soon forget him. Mr. Fisher was born on a farm in Richland township on March 17, 1853, son of Jacob and Elizabeth Fisher, both of whom also were born in this county, members of pioneer families in the Richland neighborhood, and who were useful and influential members of the community of which they were life-long residents. Jacob Fisher, the pioneer, and his wife were the parents of nine children, of whom the subject of this memorial sketch was the second in order of birth, and as most of these reared families of their own the Fisher connection hereabout in the present generation is a no inconsiderable one. Reared on the home farm in Richland township, James Fisher completed his schooling in the old Richland Academy and from the days of his boyhood continued actively interested in agricultural pursuits. After his marriage he bought a farm of seventy-five acres in Anderson and Richland townships, west of Richland, and on that place established his home, remaining there until his death on October 21, 1916. When he was fourteen years of age James Fisher began to "follow" a threshing outfit and the work had a fascination for him that kept him at it during each successive season until he became a man when he bought an outfit of his own and was thereafter engaged during seasons in threshing throughout this part of the state, his operations carrying him over into Franklin and Decatur counties besides the considerable territory covered by him in Rush county. In addition

to his general farming he also gave considerable attention to the raising of live stock and did well in his operations, so that at the time of his death he had quite a snug piece of property. Mr. Fisher was an ardent Republican and ever gave close attention to local political affairs, serving for some years as trustee of Richland township and bringing to the duties of this office an intelligent appreciation of the public needs in respect thereto. In his fraternal affiliation Mr. Fisher was a Mason and took a warm interest in the affairs of the local lodge of that ancient organization. On September 20, 1876, James Fisher was united in marriage to Elizabeth Glass, who also was born in Richland township, a member of one of the old families there, and to this union two children were born, Maude, who married George Keisling and has one child, a son, Howard Fisher Keisling, and Wilbur, who married Grace Clark and has two children, Helen and Hazel. Since the death of her husband Mrs. Fisher has made her home at Milroy where she is very comfortably and very pleasantly situated. As noted above, she is a member of one of the old families in that neighborhood, her parents, George D. and Mary (Caskey) Glass, having been but children when their respective parents came to Rush county and settled in Richland township, the Glasses coming from Kentucky and the Caskeys from Virginia. George D. Glass and Mary Caskey were married in Richland township and there spent their last days, useful and respected residents of the community in which they established their home after their marriage. They were the parents of six children, of whom four are still living, those besides Mrs. Fisher being Jennie, Emma and Joseph.

JACOB WISSING, Sr., farmer and stockraiser in Walker township, this county, was born in Germany on November 18, 1844, a son of George and Barbara (Becker) Wissing, who came to the United States in 1856. Of their five children two are living, Lena and Jacob. Jacob Wissing was twelve years old when he accompanied his parents to this country and before that had attended school in Germany. Like his father he became a farmer, working on different farms by the year until 1866 when he was married and for ten years after that he operated rented land. He then bought eighty acres of his present farm in Walker township and to his first purchase kept adding until he had 333 acres, and has long been considered one of the substantial farmers of his township. He has always carried on general farming and has also turned off many head of stock every year. On November 18, 1866, Jacob Wissing married Caroline Hertzel, who was born in Rush county, daughter of Christian and Salome (Bayer) Hertzel. Mr. and Mrs. Wissing have had eight children, Jacob A., Henry C., John M., George E., Frederick W., Elizabeth, who died at the age of twenty-three years, and two who died in childhood. Henry C. Wissing, a farmer in Rush county, married Lena Soble and has a daughter, Margaret. John M. Wissing, a farmer in Rush county, married Dena Webster and has four children, Howard, Leslie, Annetta and Ellis. George E. Wissing, a farmer in Rush county, married Lena Kney, and has three children, Helen, Carolina and Wallace. Frederick W. Wissing, a farmer in Henry county,

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married Ida Phillips, and has three children, Minna, Owen and Elmer. Jacob Wissing is a member of Zion church. Politically, he has always been a Democrat.

WILLIAM S. McCRORY, an honored veteran of the Civil war and a substantial farmer and landowner of Union township, who died at his farm home in that township more than twenty years ago and whose widow is still living there, is still well remembered by the older generation in that community and it is fitting that there should be carried in this volume of biographies relating of the old families of Rush county some modest tribute to his memory. Mr. McCrory was a Hoosier, born, and all his life was spent in this state. He was born on a farm in the Glenwood neighborhood over in the neighboring county of Fayette on November 25, 1832, a son of Robert and Salina (Saxon) McCrory, the latter of whom was born in the state of Georgia, and who was but a small girl when she came to Indiana with her parents in pioneer times hereabout. Robert McCrory was a native of Ireland who came to America with his parents when he was but a lad, the family locating in Pennsylvania, where he grew to manhood. As a young man he came out to Indiana and located in Fayette county, where he presently married and established his home, one of the pioneers of the Glenwood neighborhood, and on their farm there he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. Of the eleven children born to them all are now dead, but their descendants in the third and fourth generation are numerously represented hereabout. William S. McCrory "grew up" on the home farm over in Fayette county and received his schooling in the somewhat primitive local schools of that period. As a young man he continued farming with his father and was living on the home place when the Civil war broke out. He enlisted his services in behalf of the cause of the Union and went to the front as a member of L Company, Second Indiana Cavalry, with which gallant command he served for more than two years. Among the numerous engagements in which Mr. McCrory participated was the battle of Stone River in December, 1862, in which 1,730 Union soldiers were killed, 7,802 wounded and 3,717 listed as "missing," this having been accounted one of the bloodiest battles in the history of warfare, the above figures not taking into account the losses on the Confederate side, which also were enormous. Upon the completion of his military service Mr. McCrory returned home and resumed his place on his father's farm, remaining there until his marriage at the age of thirty-five, after which he came over into Rush county and established his home on the farm in Union township on which his widow is still living. He started there with ninety-three acres but later increased his holdings to about 160 acres and was long accounted one of the substantial farmers of that vicinity. On that place Mr. McCrory spent his last days, his death occurring on August 12, 1899. He was an active member of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic and was also a member of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fel-

lows, in the affairs of both of which organizations he took a warm interest. It was on November 19, 1868, that William S. McCrory was united in marriage to Adaline Wikoff, who was born in this county, a daughter of Garrett and Nancy (Groves) Wikoff, members of pioneer families in this part of the state, and to this union were born two daughters, Lina and Nannie, the latter of whom is unmarried and continues to make her home with her mother. Lina McCrory married Samuel J. McClure, a well known farmer of Union township, and has four children, Grace, Velma, William and Helen, the first named of whom married Harvey Arnold and has one child, a son, Harvey, Jr., Mrs. McCrory thus having a great-grandchild to help gladden the pleasant "evening time" of her life.

WALDO DRAPER, a farmer of Rush county who has achieved success along steady lines of action, was born in Posey township, this county, on March 5, 1888, and is the son of James and Millie V. (Nelson) Draper, both of whom also were born and reared in Posey township. Mr. Draper has followed farming throughout his active life. The Draper farm contains 159 acres of land in Posey township. To James Draper and his wife were born nine children, all of whom are living, namely: Ollie, Cora, Nellie, Waldo, Pearl, Alphonzo, Ozro, Millie and Emerson. Waldo Draper attended the Beaver Meadow school in Posey township and secured a good practical education. He has been identified with farming operations from his boyhood days and he remained on the home place, assisting his father, until about three years prior to his marriage, and during this intervening period he was employed in the neighborhood as a farm hand. After his marriage, Mr. Draper went to Shelby county, where he rented a farm, which he operated for a time, but subsequently he returned to Rush county and located on the farm which he now cultivates, and which he rents from his mother. The farm consists of 159 acres, the land being well adapted to general farming purposes, and in addition to the raising of field crops, Mr. Draper also gives considerable attention to the breeding and raising of registered Poland China hogs and also some grades, handling about seventy-five hogs annually. Mr Draper is enterprising and up-to-date in his farming methods and is meeting with pronounced success. On September 10, 1911, Mr. Draper was married to Fannie E. Lightner, who was born in Floyd county, Indiana, the daughter of Pleasant and Josephine (Robinson) Lightner, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Floyd county. Mr. and Mrs. Lightner had two children, Charles and Fannie. To Mr. and Mrs. Draper have been born three children, Glenn F., Beatrice M. and Leonard W. Politically, Mr. Draper is a staunch supporter of the Democratic party. Though he has no aspiration for public office, he is an intelligent supporter of every movement having for its object the advancement of the general welfare.

A. J. PERKINS, a native son of Rush county, where his entire life has been passed, and one of the representative citizens of the vicinity, a worthy scion of one of our sterling pioneer families, who is now engaged in the general mercantile business at New Salem, Ind.,

was born in Noble township, this county, on March 30, 1881, and is a son of Henry and Sarah (McComas) Perkins, the former also a native of Rush county, and the latter born in Hancock county, Indiana. Henry Perkins was the son of Jehu and Pollie (Lyons) Perkins, who became settlers in Rush county in an early day. Henry Perkins was reared to manhood in Noble township and on attaining mature years he took up the vocation of farming, which he followed throughout his active life. Of the five children who blessed the union of himself and wife, four are now living, namely: Dean Fore, Charles, A. J. and James. A. J. Perkins received a good practical education in the public schools of Noble township and after leaving school devoted his efforts to teaming until 1906, when he obtained employment as a clerk in a general store at Orange. At the end of a year he engaged in business for himself at that place, continuing it for four years. Then, selling this store, in 1911, Mr. Perkins moved to New Salem and bought the A. P. Wellman general store. In February, 1912, Mr. Perkins enlarged the scope of the business by adding a hardware and implement department, in which he has put a large and well selected stock of both shelf and heavy hardware and allied lines. Every department of his store receives the same careful attention and, because of his strict adherence to the highest standards of business ethics in his relations with the buying public, Mr. Perkins enjoys a large and constantly growing trade as well as the confidence and esteem of the people generally. Mr. Perkins was married to Clara Medd, the daughter of Frank and Elizabeth Medd, and they have one child, Carl. Mr. and Mrs. Perkins are earnest members of the Methodist Protestant church, and in politics Mr. Perkins gives his support to the Republican party. Genial in manner and generous in disposition, Mr. Perkins is deservedly popular in the circles in which he moves.

HENRY V. LOGAN, M. D., a well known physician of Rushville, who served during the period of America's participation in the world war as first lieutenant stationed at Ft. Riley, Kans., is a native son of Rush county, a member of one of the county's old families, and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in Noble township on February 4, 1873, son of Samuel H. and Martha A. (McKee) Logan, both also born in this county and the latter of whom is still living. Samuel H. Logan also was born in Noble township, son of James and Elizabeth Logan, the former of whom was a native of Ireland who had come to this country with his parents when a boy and who, as a young man, acquired a quarter of a section of land in Noble township, this county, where he established his home and where he and his wife spent their last days, honored pioneers of that community. James Logan and wife were the parents of eight children, Thomas, John, Oliver, Warder, Samuel, Jonas, Alice and Abigail, and as most of these remained in this county the Logan connection hereabout in this generation is a no inconsiderable one. Samuel H. Logan completed his schooling in the old Richland Academy and as a young man began farming on his own farm of 160 acres in Richland township, continuing there for five years, at the

end of which time he bought the old George Street homestead place of 260 acres, where he established his permanent home and where he spent the remainder of his life, his death occuring in 1918. Samuel H. Logan and wife were the parents of four children, three of whom are living, the Doctor, his brother, Wilbur Logan, and his sister, Mary E. Logan, who for the past thirty years has been engaged as a missionary in India, acting under the direction of the Presbyterian board of missions. The other son, James Walter Logan, died at the age of twenty-three years in 1902. Wilbur Logan is still living on the old home place in Noble township. He married Nellie Wilson, daughter of John and Nora Wilson, of that township, and has two sons, Alfred and Russell, the former of whom is married and is living on the home place. Doctor Logan was reared on the home farm in Noble township, receiving his early schooling in the excellent schools of that neighborhood and early turned his attention to the study of medicine. He completed his studies in the medical college of Indiana University and upon receiving his degree opened an office for the practice of his profession in the pleasant village of New Salem. That was in 1897 and Doctor Logan remained there for thirteen years, or until 1910 when he moved to Rushville, where he opened an office and where he has ever since been engaged in practice. Following the entrance of the United States into the World war against Teutonic arrogance in 1917 Doctor Logan enlisted his services in the medical corps of the national army, was commissioned a first lieutenant and was assigned to duty in connection with the operations of the base hospital, located at Ft. Riley, Kans. In 1896 Dr. Henry V. Logan was united in marriage to Bertha Carney, who also was born in this county, daughter of William and Sarah (Guffin) Carney, of Noble township, and to this union three children have been born, but one of whom is living, Olive Louise, born in 1909. Doctor and Mrs. Logan are members of the Christian church and have ever taken an interested part in church affairs as well as in the general social affairs of their home community. The Doctor is a Democrat and has ever given a good citizen's attention to local civic affairs. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the local lodges of the Masons, the Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias at Rushville and takes a proper interest in the affairs of these organizations.

FRANK M. COFFIN, who was for many years a resident of Carthage, where he was identified with commercial affairs, and who for eight years was engaged in engineering work on forts for the United States Government, was born in Shelby county, Indiana, March 31, 1855, a son of Elihu and Nancy (Jessup) Coffin, natives of North Carolina. Not long after their marriage, the parents of Mr. Coffin removed to Shelby county, Indiana, later to Hancock county, where they rounded out long and honorable careers in the pursuits of farming, and where both passed away. Frank M. Coffin was educated in the public schools of Shelby county and remained on the home farm with his father until he reached the age of twenty years, when, in 1875, he went to Carthage, this county, and became a salesman in the grocery of a brother, E. T. Coffin. From that time

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forward until his death, which occurred on May 21, 1912, he was connected with business affairs there, particularly pertaining to the grocery business, and established a substantial reputation for integrity and high business principles. He was a Scottish Rite Mason and a Republican in politics, and his religious faith was that of the Friends, the Meeting of which he attended at Carthage. On May 24, 1883, Mr. Coffin was united in marriage to Ella J. Cox, who was born at Carthage, and who after completing her early education here in the public schools attended DePauw University. She is a daughter of Rice P. and Eunice (Henley) Cox, natives of Carthage. One child was born to Mr. and Mrs. Coffin, Hazel E., the wife of L. Douglas Cooper, a farmer of Ripley township, this county.

ELMER HUTCHINSON, owner of a prosperous grain elevator at Arlington, was born in Posey township, this county, on August 31, 1873, and is the son of Robert and Margaret (Moore) Hutchinson, both of whom were natives of Indiana, the former of Franklin county and the latter of Rush county. Robert Hutchinson was educated in the state of Ohio, whither his parents had moved with their family when he was but a child. The subject's father subsequently came to Rush county, where he followed farming during the remainder of his life, becoming the owner of 160 acres of land and, later, he and his son, Elmer, became joint owners of 250 acres in this county. In 1885 Robert Hutchinson engaged in the grain business at Arlington, and remained so engaged up to the time of his death. From 1901 up to the time of his death he served as the secretary of the Arlington cemetery, which today stands as a monument to his personal interest and care. As a result of the persistent efforts on his part, this cemetery is generally acknowledged to be one of the most beautiful and best kept cemeteries in the state of Indiana, and in the accomplishment of this result Mr. Hutchinson earned the gratitude and appreciation of the entire community. Of the three children who were born to him and his first wife, Elmer is the only one now living. He married second Ida Ridenbaugh, and to this union one child, a daughter, Essie, was born. She died at the age of thirty-five years. Elmer Hutchinson received his educational training in the common schools of Posey township, and he also attended two courses, of ten weeks each, at the National Normal University, at Lebanon, Ohio. On the completion of his studies, Mr. Hutchinson became identified with the grain business at Arlington and on January 1, 1895, he entered into a partnership with his father in the grain business, a relation which was maintained until the death of his father, in 1911. He then continued the business alone until January 17, 1920, at which time his son, Ross M., become a partner of his father. Elmer Hutchinson is a good business man and has made a distinctive success of this business. He is also the owner of a good farm in this county, on which, however, he performs no personal work beyond a general oversight. He has taken an active part in the larger realms of business life and has become closely identified with the

Grain Dealers' National Association, of which he is now a director, a member of the executive committee and for two years has been chairman of the appeals arbitration committee. In February, 1895, Elmer Hutchinson was married to Nellie Miller, who was born, reared and educated in Posey township, the daughter of Joseph and Mary (Davis) Miller. To Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson was born a son, Ross M., born on May 24, 1896. Ross M. Hutchinson attended the Arlington public schools, including four years of high school, and then a year in the high school at Rushville, where he was graduated. He then entered Purdue University, but two years later he enlisted in the United States Marines, serving for twenty-six months during the World war. In 1917 he married Dorothy Wright, who was born and reared in Rush county, and they have one child, Margaret, born on June 9, 1919. Mrs. Nellie Hutchinson died on April 1, 1898, and is buried in the Arlington cemetery. On August 28, 1898, Elmer Hutchinson was married to Bessie L. Rucker, a native of Posey township and the daughter of Henry L. and Susan A. (Siler) Rucker, both also natives of Rush county, and the former a successful merchant in Arlington. To Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson have been born three children, namely: Lowell, born on January 28, 1901, now a student in Earlham College; Zelda, born September 11, 1906, now a student in the Arlington High School, and Glen, deceased. Politically, Mr. Hutchinson is independent, reserving the right to vote in accordance with the dictates of his own judgment, regardless of party lines. He is a member of the Christian church at Arlington, of which he is a trustee. Fraternally, he is a member of Phoenix Lodge, No. 62, Free and Accepted Masons, at Rushville; the commandery of Knights Templar at Rushville; Indianapolis Consistory of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and to Murat Temple, of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic shrine. He is also a member of the Columbia Club and the Board of Trade at Indianapolis. Personally, Mr. Hutchinson is companionable and genial, being a popular member of the various circles in which he moves, and because of his high character and business success he has won and holds the confidence and respect of the entire community.

WALTER BITNER, an influential farmer and representative citizen of Center township, was born in Howard county, Indiana, on the third day of October, 1873, and is a son of Benjamin F. and Charity (Rich) Bitner. Both of these parents were natives of Rush county, the father having been born on February 9, 1839, and the mother on November 5, 1836, and their marriage occurred on February 5, 1860. Mr. Bitner was a farmer through all his active life, being the owner of 326 acres of good land in Center township, this county. Of the eight children born to him and his wife, seven are living, namely: Albert, Mary C., Minerva, Ida I., Walter, Leroy and Lucinda. The subject of this sketch was reared under the parental roof and secured a good common school education, having attended the Mays school. He early became his father's assistant in the work of the home farm

and remained with him until his marriage. After that event he began farming on his own account and for seven years he operated rented land, renting from his father for six years and one year from Bert Cohee. He then purchased eighty-nine acres of the home farm, where he now lives, and he has here established as complete and attractive home as can be found in the vicinity. He erected a new house, barn and other buildings and has kept everything in the best of repair, and all of the conveniences about the premises are of the most modern type, the house containing bathroom, hot and cold running water, and other desirable features. Mr. Bitner has also a supply of natural gas on his place. He carries on general farming operations and raises all the live stock the farm will support. On October 12, 1898, Mr. Bitner was married to Eva J. Foust, a native of Ripley township, and the daughter of Carl and Mary J. (Brandenburg) Foust. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Foust, of whom three are living, Lora, Charles W. and Eva J. (Mrs. Bitner). James A. died at the age of thirteen years and Mrs. Ida A. Gilson died at the age of twenty-eight years. Politically, Mr. Bitner is a Democrat and he takes an intelligent interest in the trend of public events, giving his support to every movement for the advancement of the general welfare. He is a member of Raleigh Lodge, No. 640, F. & A. M., at present (1921) the senior warden of the lodge.

PETER GILSON, one of the influential and highly esteemed citizens of Jackson township, takes his lineage from old Virginia. That section of the country which was associated with so much of our early national history became the home of his ancestors in an early day, and of Rush county, Indiana, they also were pioneers, the first member of the subject's immediate family to locate here having been his grandfather, who came from the Old Dominion state and located in Rush county. Among his children was William Gilson, who born in Virginia, was brought to Indiana in his early youth, followed farming here during the most of his active life, and who married Sallie Bruce, a native of Rush county. Among their children is Peter Gilson, the immediate subject of this review, whose farm is located in Jackson township. He was born on January 1, 1844, was educated in the schools of his home neighborhood and remained on the home farm, assisting his father until his marriage, in 1878, when he took up farming on his own account, renting land for several years, but eventually he bought the land in Jackson township where he now lives. The place comprises eighty acres of fine tillable land, which is well improved and has returned abundant crops for the labor bestowed upon it. Mr. Gilson here follows a general line of farming and stock raising and is meeting with the success that always rewards industry, persistency and the exercise of good business judgment. On March 28, 1878, Mr. Gilson was married to Nancy Rogues, who was born and reared in Jackson township, the daughter of Atlas and Susan Rogues, who were farming folk in Jackson township and in whose family were the following children: James K., Marshall F., Ida May and Nancy. To Mr. and Mrs. Gilson were born three children, of whom two are living, William F., and Iona Bell, who

became the wife of Charles G. Mauzy, of Rush county. Fraternally, Mr. Gilson is a member of the Improved Order of Red Men, at Rushville, and politically, a Democrat.

DEWEY HAGEN. In the history of journalism in Rush county there have been few instances to parallel the enterprise displayed by Dewey Hagen, of Milroy, publisher of the Milroy *Press* and Laurel *Review* as well as of other publications. When he took charge of his present establishment, but a few years ago, it was a typical country town print shop, with out-of-date equipment and obsolete methods. Today it is an enterprise that boasts of the latest improved machinery of the trade and its affairs are thriving and flourishing in a degree that the former owner hardly would have considered possible. Mr. Hagan was born at Sailor Springs, Clay county, Illinois, July 11, 1898, a son of Everett and Katie M. (Hulen) Hagen, the former a native of Richland county, Illinois, and the latter of Clay county that state. In his earlier years, Everett Hagen followed the trade of carpenter, but later turned his attention to farming, and at the present time is the owner of about 120 acres of good land in Clay county. Six children were born to the parents: Dewitt, Grace, John, Dewey, Bessie and a child who died in infancy. Dewey Hagen received his early schooling at Sailor Springs, following which he spent two years in the high school at Flora, Ill. Seeing an opportunity at the latter place to learn the printing business, for which he had always had an inclination, he left school and became a printer's "devil" in the establishment there, and during the following two years learned much about the business. So much, in fact, that he was able to take charge of the weekly newspaper shop of the *Republican*, at Louisville, Ill. After two years of service in that capacity he severed his connection and came to Milroy, where he invested his small capital in the Milroy *Press*. At the time of his arrival things looked anything but propitious for success. The newspaper itself was in precarious state of health, old-time methods prevailed in the shop, and all the matter was set by hand. Mr. Hagen, however, with characteristic energy, set about to change conditions. During the first year of his stay he put in a linotype machine, with a single magazine, with which he worked four years. This was then disposed of in favor of another of larger capacity, this being of four magazines and two keyboards, the only one of its type in Rush county and one of the few to be found in Indiana. Another machine has just been added to this equipment. Mr. Hagen has shown his enterprise further by putting in a Ludlow typograph machine, the only one of its kind to be installed in a country town office in the United States. His present press, recently installed, has a capacity of 2,500 impressions an hour, and other equipment throughout the shop is proportionately modern and complete. When Mr. Hagen took charge of affairs, a single helper was sufficient to conduct the affairs of the plant, while now employment is given to four assistants. Mr. Hagen is publishing two weekly papers, the Milroy *Press* and the Laurel *Review*, the former of which has a circulation of 600 and the latter 400 readers. He also publishes school papers for the schools

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at Milroy, Carthage, Manilla and Waldron. His readers are given United Press Association news, as his papers belong to this news bureau. The columns of his publication are ever at the service of worthy civic movements, and his news matter is clean and reliable and presented in an interesting way. Politically Mr. Hagen is a Republican, and fraternally he is a member of Milroy Lodge, No. 139, Free and Accepted Masons. On September 9, 1915, Dewey Hagen was united in marriage to Vera W. Kepp, who was born and educated at Ingraham, Ill., a daughter of Cornelius and May (Pugh) Kepp. To this union there have been born two children, Jules Conrad and a child who died in infancy.

DAWSON DWIGHT VANOSDOL, M. D., one of the foremost medical practitioners of Rushville, is a representative of one of the pioneer families of Indiana, and of old colonial stock. His great-great-grandfather was one of three brothers who came to America from Holland prior to the Revolution. Doctor VanOsdol's great-grandfather, Benjamin VanOsdol, was born in this country on August 9, 1777. On January 23, 1816, he entered into a contract with one Hugh Espey whereby in return for certain labors he was furnished with a flatboat and $100 to transport his family to "a place called the Rising Sun in the Indiana Territory." He later settled in New Hope, Ohio county, Indiana, and died there on September 12, 1848. He married Rebecca Reese, who was born on April 11, 1779, and died at New Hope on March 5, 1844. To this union there were born six children, of whom Nathan Allan VanOsdol was the youngest. Coming from Fayette county, Pennsylvania, with his parents, he first was employed as a farm laborer, but later took up flatboating, a business which he followed until the year 1837. Leaving the river, he bought a farm near New Hope, Ind., where he spent the remainder of his life in the pursuits of agriculture and in the cooperage business. On June 30, 1836, he married Elizabeth Crowley, a native of Clark county, Virginia, where she was born on September 26, 1818. To Nathan Allan VanOsdol and his wife were born a large family, in which John Winchester VanOsdol was the fifth child. He was born on December 13, 1845, received his early training on a farm, and when the Civil war broke out, volunteered in Company I, One Hundred and Thirty-ninth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, with which organization he rose to the rank of sergeant. After being honorably discharged from the service he resolved to become a member of the medical profession, and accordingly attended the Miami Medical College at Cincinnati for two years, the prescribed course in those days. On September 15, 1868, Dr. John W. VanOsdol was married to Mrs. Sophia Ortentia Downey, and to them five children were born: Dawson Dwight, VanOsdol, the subject of this review; Dr. L. E. VanOsdol, a practising dental surgeon, of Peru, Ind.; Dr. Nathan Wilford VanOsdol, doctor of dental surgery, of Indianapolis; Mary Elizabeth, who married Dr. Jesse Frank Coffield, of Ohio county, Indiana, and Fred Arthur, who died when he was but four years of age.

Dr. John W. VanOsdol passed his declining years in Rushville, where he passed away on November 2, 1903. Dawson Dwight VanOsdol was born on July 30, 1869, at Allensville, Switzerland county, Indiana. After completing the common school curriculum, he attended the Edinburg high school for one year, and subsequently the Miami Medical College at Cincinnati, from which he was graduated on April 4, 1894. For three years following his graduation Doctor VanOsdol practiced at Allensville, and then, on October 12, 1897, he married Myra Jane Gary, daughter of the Rev. T. B. Gary, of Rush county. He then moved to East Enterprise, Ind., and on August 1, 1899, located at Rushville, where he has since remained. To Doctor and Mrs. VanOsdol two children have been born: Dwight Gary, born December 13, 1898, at East Enterprise, Switzerland county, Indiana, who was graduated from the Rushville high school and in the fall of 1917 entered Indiana University with a view to entering the medical profession, and Max Ball, born on May 17, 1904. Doctor VanOsdol has always kept abreast of the progress made in his profession, and is a member of the various local, state and national medical associations, in the affairs of which he takes an active interest. He is a Royal Arch and Scottish Rite Mason and a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, affiliated with Murat Temple at Indianapolis, and is also affiliated with the local lodges of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. He is a Republican and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

MERRILL S. BALL, a former member of the board of county commissioners of Rush county, who is now engaged in the dry-cleaning business at Rushville, member of the firm of Ball & Bebout, is a native son of Rush county and has lived here all his life with the exception of a period during the days of his youth when the family lived at Knightstown in the neighboring county of Henry. He was born in Posey township on November 14, 1875, son and only child of Caleb and Carrie M. (Stuart) Ball, the former of whom was born in Pennsylvania but was but a child when he came to Indiana with his parents, Jonathan and Asenath Ball in 1835, the family locating in Posey township, this county. Jonathan Ball was a man of much force and was one of the best known and most influential among the pioneer settlers of that section of the county. He became the owner of 2,300 acres of land in Posey township and did much to promote the advancement of social and economic conditions thereabout in the formative period of that now prosperous and well developed community. Caleb Ball grew to manhood in Posey township and as a young man became engaged in farming with his father. After his marriage he for some time made his home in Knightstown, where he became engaged in the hardware business, but later returned to the old home place in Posey township, where he resumed farming and where he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring there in 1881. Caleb Ball was twice married. His first wife, Harriet Ferguson, was born in Henry county, as was his second wife, Carrie M.

Stuart, mother of the subject of this sketch. Merrill S. Ball received his early schooling in the schools of Knightstown and supplemented the same by a course of two years at Earlham College at Richmond. Upon leaving college he resumed his place on the home farm in Posey township, which he had inherited, and there remained for twelve years, or until 1911, when he moved to Rushville and opened a garage. For two years he was engaged in this business and then, in the fall of 1913, he formed a partnership with Clata L. Bebout, under the firm name of Ball & Bebout, and opened a dry-cleaning, pressing and tailoring establishment at Rushville, a business in which he has since been quite successfully engaged. Mr. Ball is a Republican and has for years taken an active interest in local political affairs. He served one term as member of the board of county commissioners from his home district and has in other ways given of his time and attention to civic matters. In 1898 Merrill S. Ball was united in marriage to Mary E. Rash, who was born in the neighboring county of Hancock, daughter of W. R. Rash, a former merchant of that county, now living retired, and to this union two children have been born, Margaret C. and Richard S., the former of whom is now (1921) a student at the University of Indiana at Bloomington. Mr. and Mrs. Ball are members of the Methodist church and have ever taken an interested part in church affairs as well as in the general social activities of their home community. Mr. Ball is a Mason, a member of the local lodge of that order at Rushville, and is a Knight Templar, a member of the Rushville commandery. He also is affiliated with the local lodges of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and in the affairs of all these organizations takes a warm fraternal interest.

SAMUEL E. COWAN, who died at his home in Noble township in the fall of 1911 while serving as a member of the county council of this county was a man of much public spirit and in his official capacity had rendered excellent service. Diligent in his own business he had a no less intelligent appreciation of the public business and his acts as a member of the county council were ever measured by his high sense of values as related to the general good of the commonwealth. Mr. Cowan was born in this county and here spent his life, a useful citizen and a faithful and intelligent public servant. He was born on a farm in Richland township on March 4, 1870, a son of John A. and Sarah E. (Meek) Cowan, the latter of whom was born in the neighboring county of Decatur and both of whom spent their last days in this county. John A. Cowan was born in Rush county, a member of one of the old families here, and all his life was spent in the county, a helpful force in the community in which he long resided, southeast of Richland. He and his wife were the parents of five children, three of whom are still living, Anna, of Rushville; Inez, wife of Frank McCorkle, of Milroy, and William Cowan, of Indianapolis. Reared on the old Cowan home farm in Richland township, Samuel E. Cowan received his schooling in the excellent schools of that neighborhood and from the days of his boyhood was well trained in the ways of farming, a vocation he followed all his

mature life. He remained at home, a valued assistant in the labors of his father's farm, until after his marriage when he rented a farm southwest of Richland and was there engaged in farming for several years, at the end of which time, in association with his father, he bought a farm of 175 acres in Noble township, proceeded to improve and develop the same and at the time of his death ten years later had an excellent farm and one of the best equipped farm plants in that part of the country. Mr. Cowan was a Republican and had from the days of his young manhood given his earnest attention to local public affairs, ever advocating movements promotive of better government, and at the time of his death had for some time been serving as a member of the county council, a position of responsibility requiring well poised judgment and a comprehensive knowledge of local conditions, and to the duties of that office had given his most thoughtful attention and consideration. Mr. Cowan's death occurred on September 9, 1911, he then being forty-one years of age—at a time generally regarded as the very prime of life, when the capacity for useful service is on the increase, and his early passing was widely mourned throughout the county, a good memory being had of him in the community in which his whole life was spent. It was in 1894 that Samuel E. Cowan was united in marriage to Mary Louise Nesbit, who was born in Decatur county, daughter of John and Mary (McHargh) Nesbit, both of whom also were born in that county, members of pioneer families there. John Nesbit was a farmer and live stock buyer and was widely known throughout this section of the state by reason of his extensive live stock operations, his buying for the horse and mule markets particularly giving him a wide acquaintance among the farmers of the region. He and his wife were the parents of five children. Since the death of her husband Mrs. Cowan has made her home in Milroy and is looking after the operations of the farm which she owns and is directing in admirable fashion, and has made numerous improvements since the place has been under her direction. She is a member of the United Presbyterian church, as was her husband, and has ever taken an earnest and helpful interest in church work as well as in the general good works of her neighborhood.

JOHN M. WISSING, a well known farmer and stockman of Walker township, was born in that township on February 27, 1876, a son of Jacob and Caroline (Hertzel) Wissing. His father was born in Germany in 1844 and was twelve years old when he accompanied his parents to the United States, and during the greater part of his subsequent life has lived in Rush county. The mother of Mr. Wissing was born in Rush county, a daughter of Christian and Salome (Bayer) Hertzell. John M. Wissing attended school in district No. 3, Walker township, and afterward assisted his father on the home farm until his marriage. For six years afterward he rented land from his father, then bought fifty-three acres in Walker township and to this first tract has added until he now owns 135 acres. He carries on general farming but gives his chief attention to live stock, being one of the most extensive feeders in this section, usually having

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fifty head of cattle and often as many as 1,000 head of hogs yearly. On March 19, 1902, Mr. Wissing married Mary D. Webster, who was born in Rush county, daughter of Jacob L. and Annetta (Linvill) Webster. The father of Mrs. Wissing was born in Rush county and the mother in North Carolina. They had five children, Mary D., Augusta, Elizabeth, William and Jacob H. (deceased). Mr. and Mrs. Wissing have four children, Howard W., Jacob L., Annetta C. and Alice M., the three elder now attending school at Manilla. Mr. Wissing and his family are members of the Evangelical church, in Shelby county. He has always supported the principles of the Democratic party but has never accepted a political office. He is a member of the Masonic lodge at Manilla and also belongs to the Modern Woodmen body there.

JAMES A. BROWN, a substantial retired farmer of Anderson township, now living at Milroy, is a Kentuckian by birth, but has been a resident of Rush county since he was twelve years old, and thus very properly feels that he "belongs" here quite as much as though "native and to the manner born." He was born on a farm in Bath county, Kentucky, August 3, 1854, son of Abraham and Elizabeth (Hencey) Brown, both of whom were born in Nicholas county, Kentucky, members of pioneer families in that part of that state. In 1864 Abraham Brown left Kentucky with his family and moved across the river into Clermont county, Ohio, where he made his home for two years, at the end of which time he came with his family over into Indiana and located in this county, first renting a farm in Walker township, but presently moving to Rushville township where not long afterward he died, his death occuring in 1870. His widow survived him and kept the family of children together on the farm. There were five of these children, two of whom are still living, the subject of this sketch having a brother, Samuel Brown. As noted above James A. Brown was but a boy when he came to Rush county with his parents and his schooling was completed here. This schooling, however, was confined to brief terms of two or three months a year. He was but sixteen years of age when his father died and he thus early assumed mature responsibilities, helping to carry on the farm operations in his mother's behalf until he was twenty-one when he rented a piece of land and began operations on his own account. He married at the age of twenty-three and then established a home on his rented farm and continued there until 1890, when he moved onto an "eighty" of timber land which belonged to his wife and proceeded to clear and develop the same. He cleared the place, got it under cultivation and as his affairs prospered added an adjoining "eighty" and now has a well improved farm of 160 acres. On that place he continued his active labors until his retirement and removal to Milroy, where he and his family are very comfortably situated. Despite his "retirement" Mr. Brown continues to take an active interest in his farm and keeps a pretty close supervisory eye on operations there. It was in 1877 that James A. Brown was united in marriage

to Carrie Lowden, who was born in this county, daughter of George and Mary Jane (Plough) Lowden, and to this union five children have been born, namely: Lola, who married Clair Johnson and has three children, Carl, Fay and Ruth; Leslie B., who married Myrtle Hasty and has two children, Lois and Donald; Jacob, who married Jessie Palmer and has three children, Wilma, Thelma and Weldon; Pearl, who married Charles Fisher and has one child, a daughter, Margaret; and Mary, who married Clifford Senior and has two children, Fred and Lester. Mr. and Mrs. Brown are members of the Methodist church at Richland and have for years taken an active interest in the work of the same, Mr. Brown formerly having served as a steward of the church and is now a member of the board of trustees of the same. In his political views he is a Republican and has always taken an interested part in local civic affairs. He has been a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows for more than forty years and has been "through the chairs" of the local lodge, in the affairs of which he has ever taken a warm interest.

JAMES O. DRAPER, a progressive farmer of Posey township and one of the worthy native sons of Rush county, was born in Posey township on February 17, 1862, and is the son of J. T. and Saphrona (Lower) Draper, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Ohio. These parents were reared and educated in their respective native localities, but were married after moving to Rush county, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Mr. Draper was the owner of 140 acres of land in Posey township. To him and his wife were born six children, all of whom are living, namely: Francis, Henry, George, Charles, James and Elma. James O. Draper was reared under the parental roof and secured his education in district No. 9. He remained on the home farm until after his marriage, when he took up farm work on his own account beginning as a renter, but he was energetic and a good manager and about ten years after his marriage he bought sixty acres of land in Posey township. Five months later he sold that farm and bought an eighty-acre tract in Rushville township, where he remained about three years. Selling that place, he then bought ninety-nine acres near Carthage, which he cultivated for about five years. He then moved onto the farm of 159 acres in Posey township which Mrs. Draper inherited, where the family lives, and here he has since remained, engaged in general agricultural operations. He raises all the crops common to this locality and also gives some attention to the raising of live stock, handling about 100 head of hogs each year. The farm is well improved and is returning a satisfactory income. In February, 1883, Mr. Draper was married to Viola Nelson, a native of Posey township and the daughter of W. H. and Elizabeth (Adams) Nelson. To Mr. and Mrs. Draper have been born nine children, all of whom are living, namely: Olive, Cora, Nellie, Waldo, Pearl, Alphonso, Ozro, Millie, and Emerson. All of these children are married excepting Millie, who is engaged (1921) in teaching in the Washington township school at Raleigh. In addition to his general agricultural opera-

tions, Mr. Draper has been interested in the breeding of speed horses and among the good horses which he has raised are the following: "Robert Axworthy," trotter, trial mile 2:20¼, sire, "Morgan Axworthy," dam, "Martha MacJay;" "Elizabeth Hall," bay trotter, trial mile 2:36, sire, "Bingen Hall," dam, "Lou C. McGregor;" "Lady Blacklock," pacer, record 2:24½, sire, "Blacklock," dam, "Zuleka." Politically, Mr. Draper is a strong supporter of the Democratic party, while in religious belief he and his family are identified with the Christian church at Arlington.

LOREN MARTIN, county clerk of Rush county and one of the most popular young officials about the court house, was born in this county and has lived here all his life save for a period of a few years during the days of his boyhood when the family made their home in the neighboring county of Decatur. He was born on a farm in Richland township on January 12, 1890, son of Ralph Erastus and Carrie (Price) Martin, both of whom were born in Decatur county and the latter of whom is still living. Ralph E. Martin was reared in Decatur county and began his active career as a farmer, a vocation he maintained all his life. He was married in Decatur county and not long afterward moved over into Rush county and began working on a farm in Richland township. A year later he returned to Decatur county, where he remained for nine years, at the end of which time he returned to Rush county and bought a farm of fifty acres in Noble township on which place he made his home for about two years, at the end of which time he sold that place and rented a farm in Anderson township. Fourteen years later he left that place and moved to a farm in Rushville township where he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring there on February 1, 1918. Ralph E. Martin and wife were the parents of eight children, seven of whom are still living, those besides the subject of this sketch being Charles, Clyde, Ralph, Hugh, Bertha and Walter. Loren Martin "grew up" in Rush county, assisting in the labors of the farm, and was graduated from the New Salem high school. In 1910 he took a course in the normal school at Marion, Ind., and thus equipped for teaching entered the ranks of Hendricks county school teachers and was engaged in teaching for two or three years, alternating the winter terms of school with the summer courses at Indiana University. He then became connected with the Indiana State School for the Blind at Indianapolis and was thus engaged in a supervisory capacity when the United States entered the World war in the spring of 1917. He enlisted his services in behalf of our arms and on May 14 following the declaration of war entered the officers' training corps at Ft. Benjamin Harrison and was there engaged in preparation for expected service until July 3, when he received an honorable discharge on the ground of physical incapacity and returned to his home on the farm, continuing there engaged in looking after matters for his father until the latter's death early in the next year. On August 1, 1919, Mr. Martin was appointed to fill an unexpired term in the office of the county clerk and is still serving in that capacity. On October 30, 1919, Loren Martin was united in marriage

to Helen Norris, daughter of W. A. Norris, and has since made his home in Rushville. Mr. and Mrs. Martin are members of the Methodist church and take an interested part in church work, as well as in the general social affairs of their home town. Politically, Mr. Martin is a Republican and from the days of his boyhood has taken an active interest in local political affairs, coming to be regarded as one of the leaders of his party in Rush county. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at Rushville and takes a proper interest in the affairs of that popular fraternal organization.

CLATA L. BEBOUT, former sheriff of Rush county, former mayor of the city of Rushville, at one time postmaster at Manilla, for many years actively identified with the general civic affairs of the county, at one time chairman of the county Republican central committee and now and for some years past engaged in the dry-cleaning business at Rushville, is a native son of Rush county and has lived here all his life. He was born in Rushville township on April 8, 1872, son of James H. and Mary E. (Lowden) Bebout, both of whom are still living. James H. Bebout also was born in Rushville township and there grew to manhood. After his marriage he became engaged in farming but not long afterward turned his attention to carpentering at Manilla and was thus engaged as a building contractor until his retirement from business in 1920. Clata L. Bebout received his schooling in the schools of Walker township and from the days of his youth evinced an active interest in public affairs. For three years he served as postmaster at Manilla and later and for some time was engaged on the local section of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company's line at Manilla. In 1900 he served as census enumerator for Walker township. In the meantime he had become engaged in the carpentering business and for sixteen years followed that vocation. In 1908 Mr. Bebout was elected sheriff of Rush county and has since then made his home in Rushville. He was re-elected to the office of sheriff, thus serving two terms, and in 1913 was elected mayor of the city and for four years held that office. In September of that same year Mr. Bebout organized the company of Ball & Bebout, dry-cleaners and pressers, in Rushville, and is still engaged in that business, having a well-equipped plant for carrying on the company's operations. Years ago Mr. Bebout became engaged in the fire insurance business and still maintains a local agency in that behalf. He is a Republican and for years has been recognized as among the leaders of that party in this county, for some time having served as chairman of the county committee. In 1892 Clata L. Bebout was united in marriage to Katherine Heifner, who also was born in this county, daughter of John and Alice Heifner, the former of whom is a retired farmer of Walker township, and to this union two children have been born, Dr. Verl A. Bebout and Gladys K., wife of Edwin H. Hughes, Jr., of Boston, Mass., now residing at Tulsa, Okla. Mrs. Hughes completed her schooling at DePauw University and Dr. Verl A. Bebout was graduated from the Indiana Dental College at Indianapolis. He married Ruth Aldridge, who

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also was born in this county, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert L. Aldridge, of Rushville, and has one child, a son, Stewart A., born in 1916. Mr. Bebout is a member of the Baptist church at Homer, and his wife of the Methodist Episcopal church at Rushville. Mr. Bebout is a Mason and a member of the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at Rushville, and of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon, the Modern Woodmen and the Royal Neighbors at Manilla.

GARRETT D. WIKOFF, a retired farmer and landowner of Union township and one of the best known men in Rush county, was born on the place on which he is now living and has lived there all his life. His father, Garrett Wikoff, who was born in Monmouth county, New Jersey, February 3, 1799, was one of the early settlers of Rush county. He was a son of Arthur W. and Eleanor (Conover) Wikoff and was seventeen years of age when he came West with his parents, the family settling near Middletown, in Butler county, Ohio. In 1820 he married Nancy McClellan and soon afterward came over into Rush county, and "entered" a quarter of a section of land in what later came to be organized as Union township. He was a man of energetic action and a good judge of land values and came to be the owner of better than 2,000 acres of land in this county. It was he who introduced "Short-horn" cattle here and he became an extensive breeder of live stock. The senior Garrett Wikoff was twice married. By his marriage to Nancy McClellan he had six children, Sarah J., Adaline, James M., Arthur W., Samuel C. and Benjamin S. His second wife, the mother of the subject of this sketch, was Nancy Groves, who was born in Kentucky on April 9, 1820, and who had come here with her parents, Donovan and Sarah (Hicks) Groves, in pioneer days. To that union there were born four children, the subject of this sketch and his sisters, Nancy A., Eleanor G., and Mary Anna. The father of these children died on November 24, 1886, and his widow survived until 1894. Reared on the old home farm in Union township, Garrett D. Wikoff completed his schooling in Fairview Academy and from the days of his boyhood has been engaged in farming on the place on which he still is living. His father gave him a tract of ninety acres on which he established his home after his marriage, and in the years that have elapsed since that time has brought the place up to a high standard of cultivation and has made improvements of a substantial character. In addition to his general farming Mr. Wikoff has been accustomed to feed out about 200 head of hogs a year and has done well in his operations. It was in 1877 that Garrett D. Wikoff was united in marriage to Julia Parrish, who died in 1903. She was a daughter of John and Emmaline Parrish. Mr. Wikoff has a pleasant home on rural mail route No. 1 out of Glenwood, and has ever been hospitably interested in the community's general social activities. He is a Royal Arch Mason, a member of the blue lodge at Fairview and of the chapter at Rushville. In his political views he is an "independent" Democrat.

CHARLES MURPHY, one of the substantial farmers of Noble township now living at New Salem, where he has a pleasant modern home, was born in Noble township, this county, September 4, 1858, a

son of John and Anna (McCrory) Murphy, and a grandson of Jesse Murphy. John Murphy was born in Butler county, Ohio, and was a child when brought by his parents to Rush county, the family settling in Union township, where he was educated, adopted farming and was married to Miss McCrory, a native of Fayette county, Indiana. Later he moved to Noble township, where he bought a farm, and so successful was he in his operations that at the time of his death he was the owner of 232 acres of valuable land. He and his wife were the parents of eight children, of whom five are living, George, Charles, Jesse, Roy and Ida May. Charles Murphy received his education at the old Applegate schoolhouse in Noble township, and upon the completion of his schooling joined his father in the cultivation of the home acres. This association continued until the death of the elder man, when Charles Murphy secured a part of the estate as his inheritance and began operations on his own account on a tract of ninety-two acres. There he continued as a general farmer, adding to his means each year and bettering the improvements on the farm, until 1920, when he turned the labors of the property over to younger hands and retired to his comfortable home at New Salem. In 1880, Mr. Murphy married Maggie Fay, who was born in Fayette county, daughter of Michael and Hannah Fay, natives of Ireland, the former of County Roscommon and the latter of County Galway. Mrs. Murphy's parents were young people when they emigrated to the United States and settled in New Jersey, where they met and were married. Following their union they came to Indiana and located in Fayette county, where Mr. Fay was engaged actively in farming until he moved to Howard county, where he is now living at the advanced age of ninety-three years. His wife passed away in 1917. They were the parents of eight children, of whom four are now living, John, William, Mary A. and Maggie. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Murphy, Elsie, who married Clifford Stamm and has two children, Cecil and Margaret, and John, who married Jessie Colvin and has had two children, Esther and Gilbert, the latter of whom is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Murphy are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which Mr. Murphy was formerly a steward and trustee In politics he is a Republican.

WESTON C. RICHEY, a substantial retired farmer of Anderson township and for years an extensive dealer in live stock at Milroy, where he has resided for more than twenty-five years, was born in this county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in Anderson township on July 20, 1856, son of William and Cynthia (Henderson) Richey, the latter of whom was born in Ohio, having come here with her parents in the days of her girlhood, and both of whom spent their last days in this county. William Richey was born in Kentucky and was but a child when his father, Adam Richey, left that state and with his family came up into Indiana and settled on a farm in Anderson township, this county, where he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives, useful and influential pioneers of that community. William Richey grew up on that pioneer farm and in turn became a farmer on his own account, a vocation in which he

continued engaged until his death. He became the owner of an excellent farm of about 100 acres and in addition had long been accustomed to operating a considerable extra acreage of rented lands. He and his wife were the parents of eleven children, of whom seven are still living, those besides the subject of this sketch being Jerusha, wife of Frank Nadal; Arkansas, wife of Ira Tompkins; Catherine, wife of Sol Smith; Martha, wife of Maurice Maxey; Missouri, widow of David S. Stewart, and Morton Richey. Reared on the home farm in Anderson township, Weston C. Richey received his schooling in the schools of that neighborhood and continued on the farm, working with his father until his marriage after which he rented a farm and started operations for himself. Several years later he bought a tract of eighty acres in Anderson township, later increasing that acreage to 189 acres, but afterward sold eighty-five acres of this and is now the owner of a well improved farm of 104 acres.. On this place he continued general farming until 1894 when he moved to Milroy and there became engaged in the retail meat business. Several years later, however, he sold his butcher shop and began to confine his operations to dealing in live stock, a business he had begun to develop profitably while carrying on his butcher business, and has since then been thus engaged, for the past twenty years having been regarded as one of the leading live stock dealers in this section, buying extensively hereabout and shipping to the leading markets. In addition to this Mr. Richey keeps up his interest in his farm and has a fine farm plant. Weston C. Richey has been twice married. By his first wife, Emma Crawford, he has six children, Edith, Clarence, Anna, Mabel, Clyde and Ruth, all of whom are married and have children of their own, Mr. Richey thus having thirteen grandchildren, in all of whom he takes much pride and delight. Edith Richey married Worth Kelly and has two children, Ralph and Ray. Clarence Richey married Mary Wolforst and has three children, Clifford, Chester and Marshall. Anna Richey married Riley Coulter and has one child, a son, Charles. Mabel Richey married Harvey Ray and has four children, Vivian, Helen, Opal and Weston. Clyde Richey married Gertrude Crume and has two children, Gerald and Lillian, and Ruth Richey married Paul Glisson and has one child, a daughter, Mildred. The mother of these children died and Mr. Richey married Georgia Mae Tarkington. Mr. and Mrs. Richey are members of the Methodist church. In his political affiliation Mr. Richey is a Republican and has ever given a good citizen's attention to local civic affairs, but has not been a seeker after public office. He and his wife have a pleasant home at Milroy and take a proper part in the general social activities of the community.

MARSHALL B. RIGSBEE, a well known general farmer residing in Walker township, belongs to one of the early families of this county and a part of his present farm has been in the Rigsbee name for eighty-seven years. He was born in Posey township, this county, September 7, 1855, a son of Madison and Mary (Barnard) Rigsbee, who had four children, two of whom survive, Mrs. Flora Swain, of Shelby county, and Marshall B., who owns his father's old homestead

of 133 acres. Marshall B. Rigsbee attended the district schools in both Posey and Walker townships in boyhood, during that time making himself useful to his father and later, after his marriage, worked the farm on shares with his father. In 1834 his grandfather entered eighty acres that are now included in the home farm, from the government, and it has always been Mr. Rigsbee's aim to keep this farm in the family. When his father died he bought out the other heirs. He keeps the property in fine repair and carries on general farming and stock raising, annually feeding about eighty head of hogs. On September 7, 1879, Mr. Rigsbee married Emily Miller, who also was born in Posey township, daughter of James and Useba (Swain) Miller, who had a family of nine children, Lena, Cassa, Edwin, George, Preston, Emily and three deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Rigsbee have had nine children, Pearl (deceased), Arlie, Ertle, Clayton, Claude, Emerson, Edith, Nella and Mary. Arlie Rigsbee, who is now residing at Indianapolis, connected with the insurance department of the Fletcher Savings and Trust Company of that city, married Delpha Hester and has two children, Catherine and Maxine. Ertle Rigsbee, who is now residing at Portland, Ind., where he is employed in the service of the Schlosser Bros. creamery of Indianapolis, married Stella Ash and has four children, Merle, Marshall, Lowell and Denzel. Clayton Rigsbee, who is in the insurance business at Indianapolis, married Kate Vanwinkle, and has had two children, Robert, and one that died in youth. Claude Rigsbee, who is agent for the Watkins products in northern Rush county, married Reba Fall and has one son, Paul, the family home being at Carthage. Edith Rigsbee, who married the Rev. Francis Eddy, a minister, at Fairmount, Ind., has five children, Gerald, Lucile, Grace, Warren and the baby. Nella is the wife of Dr. Charles Zike, a dentist at Manilla, and has one child, Catherine. Mary Rigsbee married Esta Theobold, a farmer in Shelby county. Mr. Rigsbee is a member of the Friends church at Little Blue River. He is a Republican.

JOHN RICKETTS, who is numbered among the successful farmers and enterprising citizens of Noble township, was born in Anderson township, this county, on February 23, 1867, and is the son of James and Ellen (Jones) Ricketts, the former a native of Fleming county, Kentucky, and the latter of Rush county, Indiana. James Ricketts was the son of Edward and Sarah Ricketts, both of whom were born and reared in Kentucky, where they were married, and who later became pioneer settlers of this county. James Ricketts was reared to manhood in his native state and accompanied his parents on their removal to Rush county, locating in Anderson township, where he was married. He had followed the vocation of agriculture and shortly after his marriage he bought a farm, which he operated until 1875, when he moved to Noble township and bought eighty-five acres of land one-fourth of a mile northwest of New Salem. A hard worker and good manager, he was enabled to add to his holdings from time to time until eventually he became the owner of 340 acres of land, located in Noble and Anderson townships. He followed general farming and stock raising and was numbered

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among the leading farmers of his section of the county. His death occurred in Noble township. To him and his wife were born seven children, of which number two are now living, the subject of this review and Mattie, who became the wife of Owen Morris. John Ricketts received his education in the schools of Noble township and his boyhood days were devoted to work on the home farm, which he continued to operate for his mother after his father's death. On the death of his mother, in 1907, he bought the home farm, comprising 115 acres, and has since devoted himself to its operation. Energetic and up-to-date in his methods, he has demonstrated his abilities as a progressive man of affairs and is meeting with well deserved success in his work. He carries on general farming operations and stock raising and his place is maintained at a high standard of excellence. On November 29, 1893, Mr. Ricketts was married to Carrie Shriner, a daughter of Ray and Caroline Shriner, and they are the parents of a son, James Garrett Ricketts, who remains at home. Politically, Mr. Ricketts is a supporter of the Republican party and takes an intelligent interest in everything pertaining to the welfare of his community.

GEORGE WHISMAN, a land owner and former merchant of Manilla, now living practically retired, was born on April 8, 1857, in Orange township, this county, a son of Warren and Paulina (Marshall) Whisman. His father was born in Franklin county, Indiana, December 3, 1827, and the mother in Kentucky, February 5, 1828. They came to Rush county with their parents when children, were married here in August, 1849, and spent the rest of their lives on their farm of 140 acres, in Orange township, where the father died in his eighty-seventh year and the mother when aged eighty-eight years. Of their ten children the following are living: Millie, Alonzo, George, James, Garrison, Ida, Eli G., Oliver W. Delilah died in childhood and Ellen died when aged forty years. George Whisman went to school in boyhood, attending what was called the German school in district No. 3, Orange township, applying himself so closely to his studies that he was able to secure a teacher's certificate, and afterward taught school during the winters and worked as a farmer in the summer seasons. About 1877 he located at Manilla, where he worked for four and a half years in the hardware store of Cyrus E. Trees, and when Mr. Trees sold his business to Edwin Burch, Mr. Whisman continued with the new owner for two months. He and Clark John then bought the business and operated the store for nineteen years, the association then being dissolved by the death of Mr. John. His interest was bought by Samuel Jarvis, and at the same time Mr. Whisman's son, Clyde, took over his father's interest and subsequently bought Mr. Jarvis's interest. Clyde Whisman continued alone in the business until 1920, when he sold to the firm of Silverthorn & Hungerford. Until this final transaction, Mr. Whisman had remained in the business in an unofficial capacity, always finding enough to keep himself pleasantly occupied, and very useful in an advisory

capacity. He owns a 180-acre farm in the northern part of Walker township. On March 15, 1879, Mr. Whisman married Margaret Weir, who was born in Shelby county, Indiana, daughter of William and Martha (Woodard) Weir. Mrs. Whisman is one of a family of five children, she and a brother, William Weir, now the only survivors. Mr. and Mrs. Whisman have one child, Clyde, who was born on June 18, 1880. Since disposing of his hardware store at Manilla, Clyde Whisman has become local agent for the Ford Automobile Company. He married Elizabeth Webster and has one daughter, Dorothy. George Whisman has always voted with the Democratic party. He is a Mason, a member of Manilla Lodge, No. 565, Free and Accepted Masons.

JAMES M. CROSS, now living at Arlington, having until recent years been actively and successfully engaged in farming pursuits in Posey township, was born in Jackson township, this county, on July 19, 1858, and is a son of Andrew J. and Rachel (Hunt) Cross, both of whom also were natives and residents of Rush county until 1869, when they moved to Cumberland county, Illinois, subsequently to Jasper county, that state, where Mr. Cross was engaged in farming until 1875, when he returned to Indiana, locating in Indianapolis, where he lived, retired, until his death, which occurred on December 25, 1903. His wife had died on May 15, 1901. This worthy couple became the parents of six children, all of whom are living, namely: James M., Sarah E. John H., Oliver P., Mary D. and Ann Eliza. James M. Cross was reared under the parental roof and secured his education mostly in the schools of Jackson township, attending the Ball school, and finished at Indianapolis. During his boyhood days he assisted his father in the work of the home farm, but at the age of twenty years he started out on his own account as a renter of farm land in Marion county. For sixteen years Mr. Cross continued to operate rented farm lands, but at the end of that period he bought forty acres of land in Posey township, Rush county, to the operation of which he devoted himself for twenty years, until 1913, when he retired from active farm work and moved to Arlington, where he now resides. He is still the owner of a threshing machine outfit, which for thirty years has done a large amount of work for the farmers of this section of the county. Mr. Cross during his active years carried on a general line of farming, and met with excellent success in his work, as the result of his energy, persistence and good judgment. On March 6, 1879, Mr. Cross was married to Sarah K. Miller, the daughter of Jonathan and Margaret Miller, and to them were born three children, Jessie N., John K., who died, aged ten years, and Earl, who died, aged three years. Mrs. Sarah Cross died on February 14, 1913, and on March 15, 1914, Mr. Cross was married to Minnie (Kennedy) Offutt. Jessie N. Cross became the wife of Elmer Readle, a farmer of Posey township, and they have three children, Louise K., John N. and Mary B. Politically, Mr. Cross has always given his support to the Democratic party. Fraternally, he is a member of Beech Grove Lodge, No. 399, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Arlington, in which he has passed through the chairs.

He has been president of the Cemetery Association for ten years. For many years he has been an active member of the Christian church at Arlington and has been an elder in the church for twenty years. Mr. Cross has always maintained a keen interest in every movement which has had to do with the development of his community along any line and for a period of twelve years he served as a member of the board of directors of the Rush County Fair Association. He was a charter member of the Arlington Telephone Company, of which he was president for five years and treasurer for eleven years.

JUDGE DOUGLAS MORRIS, former justice of the Indiana Supreme Court, has long been recognized as one of the leaders at the Rush county bar, as well as having been judge of the Rush Circuit Court for one term. He was born in Knightstown, Ind., January 15, 1861, the son of John and Hannah (Scovell) Morris. Judge Morris received his preliminary education in the public schools at Knightstown and was graduated from the high school at that place in 1878. He then taught school for one year in Henry county, after which he went to Asbury University, now DePauw, from which institution he received his A. B. degree in 1882. Having decided upon the career of a lawyer, he studied for that profession during the years 1882 and 1883 at Indianapolis under the preceptorship of Benjamin Harrison, afterward President of the United States. Then for two years he practiced law at Knoxville, Tenn., whence he came to Rushville where he has remained ever since. From 1889 to 1895 he practiced in partnership with David S. Morgan, now deceased, and from 1895 to 1898 with S. L. Innis and Wallace Morgan. In 1898, his exceptional abilities at the bar having been recognized, he was elected judge of the Rush Circuit Court, serving in that capacity until November, 1904. In 1910 Judge Morris was elected one of the judges of the supreme court of Indiana and served on that bench from January 1, 1911, for six years. He is the only person from Rush county who ever served on that bench. Since his retirement from the bench Judge Morris has practiced law in Rushville, where he has continued his many successes. On October 6, 1892, Judge Morris married Pamela A. Spann, daughter of Jesse J. Spann, one of the most brilliant lawyers and politicians who has ever claimed Rush county as his home, and to Judge and Mrs. Morris have been born two children, Hannah and Douglas, Jr., both of whom are living at home, and the former of whom has been admitted to the bar and is practicing law in association with her father. In his political affiliations, Judge Morris is an ardent supporter of the principles of the Democratic party and was the candidate of that party for Congress in 1888. He is a member of the Presbyterian church at Rushville, and socially and fraternally is a member of the Country Club and the Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity.

JESSE LOGAN, one of the substantial retired farmers of Rush county now living at Rushville, is a native son of this county, a member of one of the pioneer families, and has lived here all his life. He was born in Richland township, son of James W. and Hester

(Wellman) Logan, the former of whom was the fourth son of James and Elizabeth (Mann) Logan, early residents of Richland township. James Logan was born in Ireland and was but a lad when he came to this country with his parents. As a young man seeking to make a home for himself he came to Rush county and acquired the original land grant for the tract where now stands the Logan homestead place in Noble township. There he and his wife reared their family and spent the remainder of their lives, helpful citizens of that community. James W. Logan was born and reared on the old home place in Noble township and remained there helpful in the work of developing the place until after his marriage, when he bought a farm of 165 acres in Richland township and there established his home and developed an excellent piece of property. He and his wife (Hester Wellman) were the parents of three sons, the subject of this sketch having two brothers, Thomas W. and Edgar E. Logan. Jesse Logan was reared on the home farm in Richland township, receiving his schooling in the district school in the neighborhood of his home, and as a young man continued to make his home there, farming the place for his father who presently gave him a farm of 178 acres in Richland and Noble townships, and after his marriage he established his home there. He did well in his farming and as his affairs prospered he added to his land holdings until he became the owner of 235 acres, which he continued to operate until his retirement from the farm in August, 1920, and removal to Rushville, where he and his wife are now living, very pleasantly situated at 223 West Third street. In 1903 Jesse Logan was united in marriage to Anna May Ralston, who also was born in this county, a member of one of the old families of the county. Mrs. Logan is a daughter of Elias V. and Mary (McCorkle) Ralston, the former of whom was a son of William and Nancy Ralston, who came to this county from Ohio in pioneer days. Mary McCorkle was the daughter of James and Ann (Cowan) McCorkle, the former of whom came to this county from Fleming county, Kentucky, in 1823 and entered a tract of land in Anderson township, the farm now owned by William Davis. James and Ann McCorkle had three children, those besides Mrs. Logan's mother being David M., who is still living, and Pressley McCorkle, who died in the service of the Union while serving as a member of I Company, Sixty-eighth regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, during the Civil war. Elias V. and Mary (McCorkle) Ralston were the parents of five children, those besides Mrs. Logan being Mrs. Mary E. Miller, Mrs. Hattie O. Noah, Mrs. Zella P. Johnston and Carl R. (deceased).

SAMUEL D. JONES, a well known veteran of the Civil war, a retired merchant of Milroy and a substantial landowner, was born in Rush county and has lived here all his life, a period of seventy-nine years, during which time the most amazing changes have taken place in conditions and in the manner of doing things hereabout. Mr. Jones is a member of one of the county's pioneer families, his father having come over here from Ohio in 1823 with his family and settled on a farm in Anderson township, where he spent the remainder of his life, and thus Mr. Jones grew up well acquainted

with pioneer conditions and has many interesting stories to tell of the way things were done in those days. He was born on April 29, 1842, son of Henry and Sarah (Cameron) Jones, both of whom were born in Clermont county, Ohio, members of pioneer families in that section of the Ohio river country, and who were the parents of ten children, of whom Samuel D. Jones now is the only survivor. Upon coming here Henry Jones entered a tract of eighty acres in Anderson township and there developed a good little farm, he and his wife spending their last days on that place. It was on that pioneer farm that Samuel D. Jones was reared, receiving his schooling in the somewhat primitive schools of the period. He was nineteen years of age when the Civil war broke out and it was not long thereafter when he enlisted his services in behalf of the Union cause and went to the front as a member of D Company, Sixty-eighth regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and with that gallant command served until he lost his right arm in the battle of Chickamauga, in September, 1863, and was also wounded in the left arm. On account of this shattering disability he was invalided home after spending some time in a military hospital and on June 29, 1864, received his honorable discharge on the ground of permanent disability. Mr. Jones had been attentive to his studies during his school days and confronted with a disability which rendered ineffectual the training he had received as a farmer he "brushed up" in his studies, prepared himself for teaching and was for some time after his return from the army engaged as a teacher in the schools of his home township. He then opened a store at Milroy, about the year 1866, and was for thirty-five years or more engaged there in the general merchandise business, continuing his mercantile operations until in 1909 when he sold his stock and retired from business. Since his retirement Mr. Jones has continued to make his home at Milroy and has a very pleasant place there. Despite the shocking disability incurred in his war service Mr. Jones long ago passed that handicap and his diligence in business secured to him ample provision against the "evening time" of his life. In addition to his holdings in the county he is the owner of a farm of 320 acres in Texas and accounts himself well circumstanced for a man who has had to get along with but one arm for the past sixty years. Samuel D. Jones has been twice married. In 1872 he was united in marriage to Julia Kendall, who died leaving one child, a son, Frank. In 1880 Mr. Jones married Cynthia E. Aldridge, who also was born in this county, daughter of William Aldridge and wife, pioneers here, and to this union four children have been born, Laura, who married M. E. Able and has one child, a daughter, Margaret Ellen; Clifford, who is unmarried; Benjamin H., who married Letta Chambers and has three children, Helen, Samuel and Hoyt Dale, and Wilbur, who is unmarried. Mr. and Mrs. Jones are members of the Methodist church and have for years taken an interested part in local church work as well as in all neighborhood good works. In his political views Mr. Jones is an ardent Republican and has always given a good citizen's attention to local

civic affairs, but has not been an office seeker. He is an active member of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic and is also a member of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

JOHNSON A. FANCHER, who died in the spring of 1919, was for many years a prominent figure in the agricultural life of Rush county, and aided materially in its development. By a life of uprightness, industry and square dealing—a life devoted to the support of whatever was good and true—he won the admiration and regard of a large circle of acquaintances, who sincerely mourned their loss, when, two years ago, he passed into the grateful rest and quiet of the night. Mr. Fancher was born in Blount county, Tennessee, on May 20, 1853, and was the son of Caleb S. and Millie (Myers) Fancher, both of whom also were natives of Tennessee. Caleb Fancher was a farmer by vocation and was a successful man, owning 350 acres of land. To him and his wife were born seven children, namely: Nancy, William, Frances J. and Martha, living, and Johnson A., Eliza and Mary, deceased. Johnson A. Fancher received a comparatively meager education, his school years being passed during the period of the Civil war, when educational matters were to a considerable extent neglected in the South. However, by habits of careful reading and close observation of men and events, he became a well-informed man on a wide range of topics and was always an interesting and intelligent conversationalist. Mr. Fancher remained in his native state until twenty-nine years of age, assisting his parents, but at that age he came to Rush county, locating in Jackson township, where for seven years he was employed on the Oldham farm. During the following five years he operated a part of the Oldham farm which he rented. He then located on the George F. Mull farm, south of Homer, which he rented for seven years, and at the end of that time he bought the farm of eighty acres in Posey township where his widow now lives. Eventually he bought forty-eight acres additional, thus giving him a total of 128 acres. By careful management and wise economy he had earned and saved all the money with which he bought this land and he made many permanent and substantial improvements on the land, which have made them a valuable and attractive property. Here he was actively engaged in general farming and stock raising up to the time of his death, which occurred on May 13, 1919, when almost sixty-six years of age. On August 8, 1888, Mr. Fancher was married to Hettie Adams, a native of the township in which she now lives and the daughter of Edward and Elizabeth (Six) Adams. Her parents were natives of the state of Kentucky, the father being born in Scott county and the mother in Fleming county. In an early day they came to Rush county and Mr. Adams became a successful farmer in Posey township, where he owned eighty acres of land. Of the eleven children born to him and his wife, but two are now living, John and Mrs. Hettie Fancher. To Mr. and Mrs. Fancher were born two children, Anna F. and George

JOHNSON A. FANCHER AND FAMILY
(From photograph taken about 1900)

L. Anna became the wife of Fern Downey, who operates a garage at Arlington, and they have four children, Frank, Joy, Janice R. and Edna H. George L. Fancher married Pearl Souder and they have two children, June and Francis L. Mr. Fancher was an earnest supporter of the Republican party. He was a member of the Baptist church in Blount county, Tennessee. He was well liked by all who knew him, for he possessed a social nature and maintained a genial and kindly attitude to those about him. His career was a busy and useful one and he had well earned the high position he occupied in the estimation of his fellow citizens.

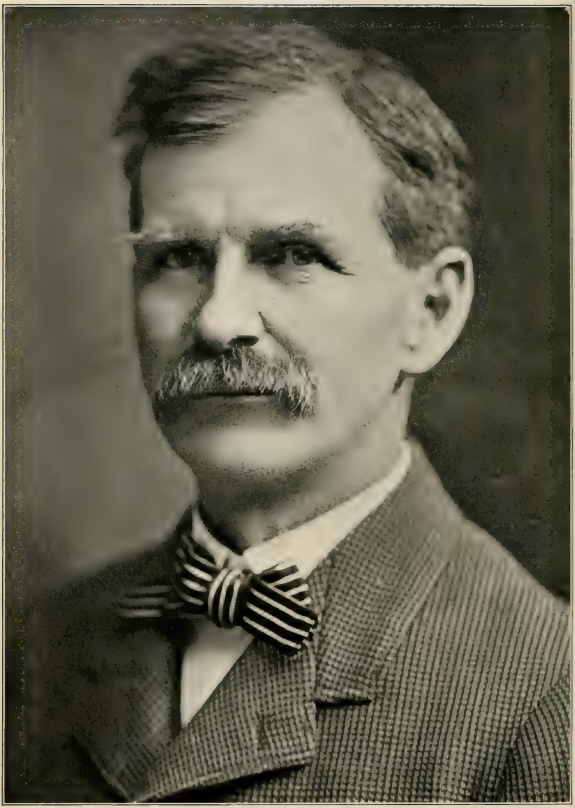
JAMES O. GUNNING, a well known general farmer in Walker township, this county, was born on January 7, 1867, in Shelby county, this state, a son of Sinclair and Clementine (McCombs) Gunning, the father a native of Shelby county, and the mother, of Wayne county, Indiana. Their four children survive, Emory, Ella, Elma and James O. The father was a veteran of the Civil war, in which he served four years as a member of the One Hundred First regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry. After the war he engaged in farming in Shelby county as long as active. James O. Gunning had public school advantages in his native county, after which he worked at farming until his own marriage. For some years following he farmed for his father-in-law in Walker township, Rush county. When the latter died the wife of Mr. Gunning inherited the Macy farm, a valuable tract of 160 acres, on which Mr. Gunning carries on farm activities very profitably. It was an January 7, 1904, that Mr. Gunning married Adelma Macy, only child of Lysander and Frances E. (Casto) Macy, the former of whom was born in Rush county and the latter in Shelby county. Mr. and Mrs. Gunning have one child, Ela Frances, who attends school at Manilla. The family belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church. In politics he is a Republican.

O. M. OFFUTT, one of the successful farmers of Posey township and a creditable representative of one of the county's respected old families, was born in the township in which he now resides on January 10, 1876, and is the son of George W. and Sarah J. (Beckner) Offutt, both of whom also were born and reared in Rush county. George W. Offutt was a farmer and stock raiser by vocation and at one time he owned 1,400 acres of good land in Posey township. To him and his wife were born six children, all of whom are living, namely: Sabert S., Murley, Jerry B., O. M., Mary I. and Charles J. The subject of this sketch secured his educational training in the Beaver Meadow school house, in Posey township, and the Arlington high school. On completing his studies he went to work on the home farm, and there he has remained ever since with the exception of two years spent on a farm south of Arlington. After his marriage, in 1900, Mr. Offutt began farming on his own account, operating the home farm for one year, following which he was on the farm referred to south of Arlington. Since then he has occupied and operated a part of the home farm, comprising 215 acres of land, on which he carries on general farming operations and stock raising.

He has made a number of improvements on the place and by industry and good management has been successful. On August 8, 1900, Mr. Offutt was married to Margaret Hackelman, who also was born in Posey township, the daughter of Worster and Malissa J. (Clavell) Hackleman, old residents of this county. Of the three children born to Mr. and Mrs. Hackelman, Mrs. Offutt is the only survivor. The deceased are Gertrude, who died at the age of twenty-eight years, and Minnie, who died when nine days old. Mr. and Mrs. Offutt have two children, George W. and Lowell H., both of whom are at home Politically, Mr. Offutt assumes an independent attitude, reserving the right to vote in accordance with the dictates of his own judgment. Fraternally, he is a member of the Improved Order of Red Men at Arlington and the Modern Woodmen of America at Rushville. He is a man of vigor and determination, has been successful in practically every undertaking to which he has addressed himself and he enjoys to a marked degree the confidence and regard of all who know him.

W. E. WAGONER, principal of the schools of Posey township and well known as a man of high attainments and practical ability as an educator, was born on May 31, 1889, in Fountain county, Indiana, and was there reared. He attended the common schools of his home neighborhood and the high school at Veedersburg. He then entered Indiana University, where he was graduated in 1912, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. After completing his collegiate work, he went to Mt. Auburn, Shelby county, Indiana, where he became principal of the township schools, serving two years. Then for five years he was principal of the Anderson township schools in Rush county, and for two years he has served in his present position, to the entire satisfaction of his patrons and pupils. Mr. Wagoner has inaugurated some progressive and effective ideas of his own in his educational work and he enjoys a high reputation as a thoughtful and earnest educator. He has jurisdiction over two country schools and the schools at Arlington, employing twelve teachers, and with 257 pupils in the schools. On May 10, 1914, Mr. Wagoner was married to Glossie Goddard, who was born in Kansas City, Mo., but who, at the age of nine months, was brought to Rush county, which has been her home continuously since. She first studied in the public schools of Rushville, including the high school, and then became a student in Indiana University, where she was graduated the same year as her husband, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts. She is the daughter of George and Nellie (Mull) Goddard. Mr. and Mrs. Wagoner have two children, George A. and Lavonne. Mr. Wagoner is a Republican, a Freemason and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. On June 6, 1921, he was elected superintendent of the schools of Rush county.

JAMES M. ELLISON, an experienced farmer and substantial citizen of Walker township, was born in Rushville township, this county, September 26, 1852, a son of William J. and Sarah (Duke) Ellison. His father was born in Rush county and his mother in Kentucky. They had six children born to them, four sons surviving, Fremont, Alonzo P., Elmer E. and James M. The father was a



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farmer in Rush county all his life and owned 180 acres of valuable land. His death occurred on July 3, 1891. James M. Ellison had the usual school privileges in boyhood, attending what was known as the Alexander school near his father's farm, and early learned farming. He has never given much attention to any other vocation. For four years before his marriage, Mr. Ellison worked as a farm hand, then rented land for a year, following which he bought sixty acres in Orange township. That land he held and operated for ten years but when his father died he sold it and bought the old home place of 160 acres in Walker township, on which he lives, subsequently acquiring other tracts and he now owns 295 acres in that township. He has always been a progressive farmer and has encouraged the raising of good stock, a notable feature of his own industries being his full blood, big type Poland-China hogs, of which he markets about 100 head annually. On January 27, 1881, Mr. Ellison married Lucinda Hodge, who was born in Walker township, daughter of Alfred and Margaret (Miller) Hodge, natives of Rush county and farming people. Mrs. Ellison is one of a family of seven children and has three surviving sisters and one brother, Sarah, Mary, Martha and Alva. Mr. and Mrs. Ellison have two children, Orsa P., a farmer in Rush county, who married Mertie Hungerford, and Floy, who is the wife of Albert Gahimer, a farmer in Walker township. Mr. Ellison and his family are members of the Christian church at Homer. He has always been a Republican.

SANFORD M. POSTON, former clerk of Rush county, who died at his home in Noble township in the spring of 1910, was born on November 25, 1849, on the farm on which his widow now resides, and his death occurred on May 10, 1910. He was descended from sterling old pioneer stock, his paternal grandparents having been Judge Elias and Nancy (Norton) Poston, natives of Kentucky, the former born in Fayette county and the latter in Bourbon county. They were married in 1807 and some years after that event they came to Indiana, first locating in Franklin county. In the spring of 1821 they came to what is now Rush county and the next year entered 160 acres in what is now known as Noble township. The date of the entry of this land was March 7, 1822, and the original deed from the Government bearing the name of President Monroe is still in the family. Elias Poston was a man of strong character and marked mental ability and he soon took a prominent part in the public life of this pioneer community. In 1822 he was elected the first associate judge of Rush county and the diversity of his talents is somewhat indicated from the fact that he was a successful Baptist minister and also practiced medicine. Among his children was the subject's father, George W. Poston, who was born in Kentucky on March 12, 1826, and who accompanied his parents on their removal to Rush county, locating in Noble township, where he spent the remainder of his life engaged in agricultural pursuits. He married Nancy McNeil, who was born and reared in North Carolina, and they became the parents of six

children, five of whom grew to maturity, namely: Sanford M., Quincy, Estella, Elizabeth and Ella. Sanford M. Poston received a good education in the public schools of Noble township and then for a time was engaged in teaching school. In the meantime he also became interested in the sawmill business, having bought and sold much lumber, so after a short career as a pedagogue, he resigned and thereafter devoted his attention to sawmill interests, in addition to which he also farmed the home place of about 600 acres. He became an extensive stock feeder and also bred Poland China hogs and Short-Horn cattle. He was keenly interested in the breeding of thoroughbred track horses and was the owner of "Redfield," one of the best horses of his type in this section of the country. A year prior to his mother's death, the home farm was divided and his portion was 140 acres. He was an energetic worker and a good manager and to this nucleus he added other land by purchase until his holdings amounted to 340 acres, to the operation of which he devoted his attention up to the time of his death. He made many permanent and substantial improvements on the place, developing it into one of the best farms in this section of the county. Though a busy man, Mr. Poston always took a keen interest in local public affairs and an active part in politics as a Republican. He served for five years as assessor of Noble township, and in 1901 he was elected to the office of clerk of the Rush county Circuit Court, serving one term to the entire satisfaction of his constituents. Mr. Poston spent practically his entire life in Noble township and won his way into the affections of the people through his genial address, his obliging nature, his sound business ability and his unswerving support freely given to all laudable movements looking toward the general welfare of his county. In 1901 Mr. Poston was married to Mary Ellen Bromley, the daughter of Charles D. and Anna (Jones) Bromley, and to them were born two children, George and Estella, both of whom remain at home with their mother, and the former of whom is the sole surviving male member of this branch of the family bearing the Poston name. Mrs. Poston's parents were born respectively, in Pittsburgh, Pa., and Rush county. Mr. Bromley came to Rush county in young manhood and here followed the business of railroad contracting during all of his active years. To him and his wife were born seven children, of which number three grew to maturity, namely: Carl E., Agnes and Mary Ellen. Mrs. Poston is a member of the Christian church, the Order of the Eastern Star, the Woman's Relief Corps, in which she is an officer, the Women's Council and the Nature Study Club of Indiana. Mrs. Poston is descended from sterling old pioneer families of Rush county. Grandmother Mary Sharp, the mother of Sarah Jones, was born in Virginia in 1812, whence in 1826, when but fourteen years of age, she came to Rush county, and settled with her family in Walker township. The second session of the commissioners' court of Rush county was held at the home of James Lower, who ran a tavern at Rushville and who was a great-uncle of Mrs.

Poston. Mr. Poston was an attendant at the Methodist Protestant church in New Salem. Politically, he gave his support to the Republican party. Fraternally, he was a member of the Masonic fraternity, in which he attained to the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, and was also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

JOHN D. MEGEE, a well known citizen of Rushville, a member of the bar of the Rush Circuit Court and former judge of that court, is a native son of Rush county, born on November 20, 1850, son of William E. and Ellen E. (Morris) Megee, natives of Kentucky and who were but children when they came to Indiana with their respective parents, both the Megees and the Morrises having been among the pioneers of Rush county, the former family coming here in 1828 and the latter in 1831. William E. Megee was born in Jessamine county, Kentucky, and his wife at Georgetown, Ky. He became a farmer in this county and at the time of his death in 1864 was the owner of more than 320 acres of land. Though his opportunities for schooling were limited, he having attended school but three months in his life, he improved such opportunities for self-improvement as came to him and became known as a self-educated man of no little ability. William E. Megee and his wife were the parents of eight children, two of whom are still living, Judge Magee having a sister, Alice, wife of Taylor Lakin, of Rushville. John D. Megee was reared on his father's farm, receiving his preliminary education in the schools of the county. At the age of twenty, desiring a further education, he entered Lebanon Normal School, Lebanon, Ohio, and for one year took a business course, which he completed. He then commenced his career as a salesman for T. & R. Pugh, of Washington, Ind., and was with them two years, at the end of which time he became a salesman for J. H. Mauzy, of Rushville, with whom he remained for about two years. Then for two years he was engaged in business in partnership with Z. E. Mauzy and W. A. Caldwell, selling out his interests to these two men to take up the study of law with Ben L. Smith in 1876. Having in due course been admitted to the bar, he was admitted as a partner by his preceptor, with whom he practiced until 1881, when he became one of the incorporators of the Chaffee County Gold and Silver Mining Company of Colorado. For four years he lived in Poncha Springs, Col., in order to devote his entire attention to the mining project as the manager. In 1885, he returned to Rushville to take up again the practice of law, and there has remained ever since. During his career as an attorney Judge Megee has been associated with eight men. When Rush and Shelby counties were separated to make each a judicial circuit he was appointed judge of the Rush Circuit Court for a term of two years. After his term on the bench, Judge Megee resumed the practice of his profession, and in September, 1918, formed a partnership with William L. Newbold under the firm name of Megee & Newbold. On March 3, 1874, Judge Megee was married to Susan O. Sneed, a daughter of William C. S. Sneed, also of this county, and he and his wife are the parents of two children, Ethel and Anna

S. Ethel Megee married Hugh Fleehart and has two children, John M. and Florence C. Anna S. married Carl F. Eveleigh and has one child, Sue Ann. Judge Megee is a member of the Presbyterian church, in which for about six years he was an elder, and for a time superintendent of the Sunday school. Fraternally he is a Freemason and a member of the Knights of Pythias, the former of which has claimed him for over forty-five years. He has been an active worker in the ranks of the Democratic party, in the cause of which he has done yeoman service. He served as clerk of the Indiana State Senate in 1887 and clerk of the House in 1889, and from 1902 to 1904 he was chairman of the Democratic committee for the Sixth district.

HARMONEY L. PARSON, a retired farmer and live stock breeder of Anderson township, now living at Milroy, has been a resident of this county all his life and has a wide acquaintance throughout the county. He was born on a pioneer farm in Orange township on October 7, 1855, son of William and Alida (Boyd) Parson, the latter of whom was born in the state of New York and both of whom spent their last days in Rush county. William Parson was born in Butler county, Ohio, a son of Samuel Parson, who came over into Indiana with his family and settled on an eighty-acre farm in Orange township, this county, thus becoming one of the pioneers of that township. Samuel Parson and his wife were the parents of six children, David, Daniel, William, Eliza Jane, Catherine and Samuel, and the descendants of these in the present generation form a quite numerous connection. William Parson was but a lad when he came to this county with his parents and he grew up on the pioneer farm, in time becoming the owner of the home "eighty" and an adjoining "eighty," which gave him an excellent farm of 160 acres. He had early learned the carpenter trade and in addition to his farming did a great deal of building throughout that part of the county, but death cut short his career right in its prime, his death occurring in 1858. His widow survived him many years, her death occurring on February 28, 1917. William Parson and wife were the parents of five children, four of whom are still living, those besides the subject of this sketch being Daniel Parson, of Portland, Ore.; John B. Parson, of Kansas, and Catherine M., of Oakland, Cal. Harmoney L. Parson was but three years of age when his father died. The mother kept her family together and maintained the farm home, the boys growing up as helpful assistants in the labors of the place, and as a young man Harmoney L. Parson began working at farm work on his own behalf. He later became engaged as a contractor in county ditch work and was thus engaged for about ten years, at the end of which time he became the overseer of the 167-acre farm of his aunt, Mrs. Anna M. Bowles, and was thus actively employed until the death of his aunt in 1920, and still has supervisory charge of the estate. Mr. Parson has fifty-five acres of his own, which he also supervises besides looking after his aunt's estate. For years he has given considerable attention to the raising and buying of live stock and has done well in his operations. Mr. Parson is a Republican. In his fraternal relations he is affiliated with the local lodges of the Masons,

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the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias, and in the affairs of these several organizations has for years taken a warm interest.

THOMAS BENTON HENLEY, who died at his home, "Riverside Farm," along the banks of Big Blue river in the immediate vicinity of Carthage in the summer of 1916, and whose widow and son are still living there, was for years regarded as among the leading agriculturists and stockmen of that section of Rush county, as well as a man of influence in the various phases of activity which marked the development of the community in which he spent his whole life, and it is but fitting that there should be carried in this Centennial History of Rush County some modest memorial to his worth as a citizen. Mr. Henley was a member of one of the first families of Rush county, his grandfather, Elias Henley, having been one of the leading members of the considerable colony of Friends which came here from North Carolina and settled along the Big Blue in the days of the formative period of this section, and the Henleys have been from the very first among the most influential factors in the development of that section and of the county at large. Thomas B. Henley was born on July 11, 1870, son of Thomas W. and Hannah (Williams) Henley, the former of whom was a son of the pioneer Elias Henley, mentioned above. Upon completing the course in the Carthage high school Mr. Henley took a course in Indiana University and upon completing his schooling settled down to his life work, that of farming, a vocation to which he had been trained from youth by his father, continuing to make his home on the home farm, where he gave particular attention to the raising of live stock and early became recognized as one of the leading stockmen in the county. He married at the age of twenty-five and established his home at "Riverside Farm," occupying the site of the original log cabin home, which his grandfather had erected there many years before, and there he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring on July 11, 1916. Mr. Henley was a birthright member of the Friends church at Carthage and ever maintained an active interest in the affairs of the local meeting. By tradition and practice he was a Republican, as the Henleys ever have been since the days of the organization of that party, and took a warm interest in local political affairs. It was on September 25, 1895, that Thomas B. Henley was united in marriage to Orah M. Dill, who also was born in this county, daughter of William H. and Oleva (Hinton) Dill, also members of old families here, and to this union one child was born, a son, Hamil D. Henley, born on January 30, 1897, who completed his schooling in Purdue University, and is now at home managing "Riverside Farm" for his mother. Since the death of her husband Mrs. Henley has continued to make her home on the farm, a well improved and carefully cultivated place of 240 acres, and is very comfortably situated there. Mrs. Henley's schooling was completed at Bethany College

(West Virginia) she having gone to that institution upon completing the course in the Greenfield high school. She is a member of the Christian church at Carthage and has ever taken an interested and helpful part in local good works. In 1917 Mrs. Henley took a short course in agriculture at Purdue University, receiving her certificate twenty-four years to the very day, after receiving her high school certificate.

PLEASANT A. MILLER, a well known former business man of Rushville and a substantial farmer of Rush county, now living at 232 East Third street, Rushville, was born in Rushville township, this county, September 7, 1855. His parents were Thomas and Cynthia E. (Stewart) Miller, the former of whom was born in Harrison county, Kentucky, January 1, 1824, and the latter in Rushville township, this county, in 1835. They had four children, two of whom are living, India and Pleasant A. The father was a farmer in Rush county. Pleasant A. Miller attended what was known as the Compromise school house in boyhood and remained at home assisting his father until his own marriage, after which he rented land for one year and then bought forty-four acres and operated it for three years at the end of which time he accepted an advantageous offer and sold. Mr. Miller then moved into Rushville, where he has his present home, and for four years was in the retail liquor business, after disposing of that moving back to the home farm, where he carried on general farming for the next twelve years, at the end of that time purchasing the Grand hotel at Rushville. For several years he conducted that hostelry, but in 1904 he resumed farming, having bought the old home place of 212 acres situated in Rushville township. He devotes his land to general farming and stockraising, shipping about 150 head of hogs annually. On October 24, 1872, Pleasant A. Miller married Fannie A. Davis, daughter of James and Mary (Murphy) Davis, and they had four children: Clendas, Herly, (deceased), Clyde and Thomas G. The mother of these children died on January 10, 1913, and her burial was in East Hill cemetery. On March 23, 1918, Mr. Miller married Lena McCormick, who was born in Carroll county, Indiana, daughter of Thomas and Ellen (Clark) McCormick. Mrs. Miller is the eldest of their family of seven children, the others being Lowell, William, Ina, Thomas, Watson and Queen. The father of Mrs. Miller is the present sheriff of Carroll county. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have one daughter, Cynthia E., who was born on January 12, 1919. Mr. Miller takes an interest in public affairs but has never accepted a political office. He votes with the Republican party.

MICHAEL KNEY, a general farmer in Walker township, was born in that township on July 15, 1860, a son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Hael) Kney, both of whom were born in Germany. Jacob Kney was probably about sixteen years old when he came to the United States, the only member of his family. He made his way to Indiana, located in Rush county and here followed farming the rest of his life. Through thrift and honest industry he prospered and acquired 700 acres of valuable land. He married Elizabeth Hael, whose peo-

ple settled in Rush county while she was young, and they became the parents of seven children, of whom the following survive: Mary, Henry, Jacob and Michael. Michael Kney attended school in Orange township, Rush county, the school house having been named in honor of his father. He remained on the home place until his marriage, after which he rented land from his father for nine years, then bought his present home farm of 120 acres. Since that time he has added until he now owns 360 acres in Walker township and 120 acres in the adjoining county of Shelby. In addition to carrying on general farming, Mr. Kney raises a large amount of stock, having at least 100 head of cattle and 200 head of hogs annually. Mr. Kney has one of the best improved farms in this section, with several sets of farm buildings, one set occupied by his son-in-law, being entirely new, and the other set remodeled and made comfortable with modern improvements, he occupies himself. On August 14, 1887, Michael Kney married Mary Gahimer, born in Union township, Shelby county, a daughter of John and Barbara (Hauck) Gahimer. The father of Mrs. Kney followed farming all his life in Shelby county, where he owned 800 acres of fine land. All his children are living, John, Andrew, Jacob, Catherine, Emma and Mary. Mr. and Mrs. Kney have one daughter, Lena, the wife of George Wissing, a farmer on Mr. Kney's land in Walker township. They have three children, Helen, Caroline and Wallace, the daughters attending school at Manilla. In political matters Mr. Kney is a Democrat. He and wife are members of the Evangelical church in Union township, Shelby county.

FRANK OFFUTT, president of the Arlington Bank of Arlington and a substantial farmer of Posey township, is a native son of the township in which he has spent practically his entire life of three score years. He was born on January 6, 1860, the son of John and Priscilla (Gordon) Offutt, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of Rush county. Both attended school in Rush county, John Offutt having been brought here in childhood, and on attaining mature years he followed farming as a livelihood, spending the remainder of his life in Indiana excepting eight months, which he spent in Missouri. During the Civil war he enlisted in the Southern army and was killed during that conflict. The subject's paternal grandparents were Sabert and Mary H. (Morris) Offutt, were natives respectively of Maryland and Kentucky. In his early life Mr. Offutt moved to Scott county, Kentucky, where he devoted himself to farming pursuits. On August 13, 1829, he was married to Mary Morris and a short time after their marriage they came to Indiana, settling on the banks of Little Blue river in Rush county, where he bought 300 acres of farm land. He applied himself vigorously to the work of clearing and cultivating this land, in which he met with marked success and at the time of his death he owned over 900 acres of land in Rush county. He lived on his first farm until 1873, when he retired from active farm work and moved to Arlington. To him and his wife were born eight children, all of whom are deceased. namely: James A., Mary J., John F., Lewis J., Samantha A., George

W., Rebecca E. and one that died in infancy. The subject of this sketch is the only child born to John and Priscilla Offutt. Frank Offutt was educated in the school at Arlington and was reared in the home of his maternal grandparents, his own father having given up his life on a Southern battlefield. Mr. Offutt remained with his grandparents until he was about twenty-nine years of age, though he had been married a year prior to that time. Then, in 1892, he built the house on the Brookville pike, where he now lives, and otherwise improved the place with commodious and well arranged farm buildings, so the place is now numbered among the up-to-date farms of the township. At the early age of sixteen years, he had rented a tract of land from his grandfather, Gordon, then, five years later, his grandfather Offutt gave him $1,500. This money the young man at once invested in an eighty-acre farm in Posey township, formerly known as the Hiram Tribley farm, and to this he has added from time to time until today he owns 600 acres of well improved farm land in one body. A part of this land is rented out by Mr. Offutt, but the latter is still extensively engaged in farming and stock raising. He averages about 600 head of hogs each year and about 100 head of cattle. He has been very successful in his business affairs and takes a keen interest in everything pertaining to the welfare of the community. He is the president of the Arlington Bank. at Arlington, one of the sound and influential financial institutions of Rush county. On June 23, 1889, Mr. Offutt was united in marriage with Nora F. Conaway, the daughter of Samuel and Phoebe (Allander) Conaway, the former a native of Fleming county, Kentucky, and the latter of Rush county. They were both reared and educated in this county, and here Mr. Conaway devoted himself to agriculture, in which he was eminently successful, owning about 225 acres of farm land and property in Arlington at the time of his death. He and his wife were the parents of fifteen children, of which number nine are now living, namely: John J., Lucetta, Rebecca, Anna F., Nora F., Maud, Henry L., George, William, Mary J., Harrietta, Josephine, Sarah, Charles and Oma. To Mr. and Mrs. Offutt have been born two children, Clark and Effie. Clark Offutt, born on May 17, 1890, attended the public school, including the high school, at Arlington, and then entered Butler College, at Indianapolis, but, on account of bad health, he was compelled to quit college before the completion of his course and is now at home with his parents. Effie, born on February 1, 1897, received a high school education at Arlington and is now at home. Mr. and Mrs. Offutt are earnest members of the Christian church at Arlington. Politically, he is a Democrat.

DONALD L. SMITH, a well known attorney of Rushville, was born in that city on August 8, 1874, the son of Benjamin L. and Alice W. (Wilson) Smith. Benjamin L. Smith takes position as one of the foremost attorneys ever before the Rush county bar, and no history of the county could be complete without some mention of this eminent lawyer's career. He was a native of Rush county, having been born in Union township, November 29, 1835, the son of Ebenezer and Polly A. (Hadden) Smith, who made this county

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their home in 1834. Benjamin L. Smith spent the years of his youth on a farm, but in 1853, when less than eighteen years of age, was matriculated at Asbury (now DePauw) University at Greencastle, Ind., and there obtained a classical education. Upon being graduated from this institution he took up the study of law in the office of Delaney R. Eckles at Greencastle, and a year later was admitted to the bar of Putnam county. Immediately he commenced the practice of his profession at Columbus, Ind., but in July, 1862, he answered his country's call and enlisted as a private in Company D, Sixty-seventh Indiana Volunteer Infantry. His superior abilities attracted the attention of his superiors, and he was rapidly promoted until he attained the rank of captain of his company, which he held until he was mustered out of the service. Upon returning to civilian life, the young lawyer sought a new field, going to New Orleans, but after two years in the South, he returned to Rushville in March, 1867. His ability as a lawyer won him statewide recognition, and he was appointed by Governor Gray as president of the board of trustees of the Soldiers' Orphans' Home at Knightstown. One instance that may be cited as reflecting the character and zeal of Mr. Smith is this: When the buildings of the Orphans' Home were destroyed by fire in 1886, he immediately took steps for the reconstruction of the place without waiting for the legislature to appropriate funds for the purpose. Benjamin L. Smith continued active in practice until his retirement in 1914. He died at Rushville on December 25, 1915. In other things, great and small, Mr. Smith showed himself to be a gentleman worthy of the respect and honor in which he was held by all who knew him. He was first married on July 29, 1858, to Laura Reynolds, daughter of Joshua and Diana Reynolds, then of Columbus, Ind. Mrs. Smith died on June 30, 1871, leaving one child, a daughter, Cora E. Mr. Smith was married on November 4, 1873, to Alice W. Wilson, daughter of William and Elizabeth Wilson, and to this union were born two children, Donald L. and Erema P. Donald L. Smith attended the Rushville high school, and also the Graham Academy, from which he received his diploma in 1891. He then entered DePauw University, and was graduated therefrom in 1895 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He returned to Rushville to engage in the practice of law with his father and Claude Cambern, the firm becoming known as Smith, Cambern & Smith, with which he remained for a number of years. In the years 1913 and 1915 he served Rush county as prosecuting attorney, and then on January 1, 1915, he formed a partnership with John H. Kiplinger under the firm name of Kiplinger & Smith. In the practice of his chosen profession, Mr. Smith has been successful. He has for years been local attorney for the Indianapolis & Connersville Traction Company, the Cincinnati, Indianapolis & Western Railway Company and the Big Four railroad, and in September, 1920, was appointed general council for the Indianapolis & Connersville Traction Company.

Mr. Smith married Edna McFadden, a daughter of Dr. William G. McFadden, and they have one child, Louis E. Smith. Mr. Smith is affiliated with the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and, politically, the Democratic party claims him as an ardent supporter.

ANTHONY H. SCHRICHTE. It would be difficult anywhere outside of the larger cities to find cemeteries beautified with finer examples of the sculptor's art than those of Rush and the adjoining counties, and the excellence of these is in large measure due to the genius of Anthony H. Schrichte, of Rushville. Mr. Schrichte was born in this city on December 4, 1861, a son of J. B. and Katherine (Schoenbaum) Schrichte, both of Hanover, Germany. The father was born on May 1, 1835, and at the age of eighteen emigrated to this country and located at Hamilton, Ohio, where he learned the trade of marble worker. For two years he pursued his calling at Brookville, Ind., and then in 1859 came to Rushville and established the monument works which bore his name. Beginning, necessarily, in a small way, he applied himself so well to his work, and so skilled was he that his business grew to large proportions. His fame spread over the entire state, and monuments were shipped to almost all points in this as well as to some places in adjoining states. On February 5, 1861, he was married to Katherine Schoenbaum, then of Cincinnati, whom he had known in Germany as a youth, and to their union were born nine children of whom four are now living, Anthony, Frank, Edward and William. Anthony Schrichte received his education in the public schools of Rushville, and upon leaving them took up the trade of marble and granite cutter with his father and two of his brothers, Frank and William. When the death of the father occurred on November 3, 1911, the three sons took over the business, but later Anthony bought out the interests of the other two, and since that time, 1918, has conducted the business by himself with his son as his assistant and foreman. The business has steadily grown, and now several skilled workmen are employed in order that the demands for monuments may be met. Mr. Schrichte married Emma Stewart and they are the parents of five children: John, Charles, Marie, Salome, and Albert. Marie married Frank Hagney and now resides at Cincinnati, Ohio. Mr. Schrichte is one of the substantial citizens of Rushville, and has done much toward increasing the commercial standing of the county seat.

O. E. HUMES, an experienced and substantial farmer of Rush county, now living at Rushville, was born on June 7, 1866, in Noble township, Rush county, a son of John C. and Mary E. (Perkins) Humes. The father was a native of Cincinnati, Ohio, and the mother of Rush county. Her parents were Kentuckians, while her husband's parents were Ohioans. John C. Humes became a man of public affairs and acquired 320 acres of fine farming land. Of his nine children the following are living: Orval, of Indianapolis; John, of Rushville; O. S., residing at Rushville; Gertrude, of Rush county; Jessie A., of Effingham, Ill.; Stella, of Rush county, and Adolph, of

Indianapolis. The father was a veteran of the Civil war, active in Republican politics, served several years as trustee of Noble township and four years as county treasurer. He was one of the early members of the Masonic lodge at Rushville. He served three years in the Union army, a member of Company I, Sixty-eighth Indiana Volunteer Infantry. O. E. Humes attended school at New Salem, in Noble township, where he received a practical education, after which he assisted his father on the farm, early being given responsibility on account of his father having numerous other interests. When he married he started for himself as a farmer, renting land for about six years in Noble township, then buying a fine property of 240 acres, and still owns 160 acres of this tract. Mr. Humes by industry and business foresight has become an extensive landowner, having in all 560 acres of well improved land in Rush county. In addition to grain and farm produce, he has realized large returns from his livestock, giving some attention to Shorthorns, and shipping from 400 to 500 head of hogs annually. He is a member of the Rush County Farmers' Association. On November 28, 1888, he married Kate Frazee, who was born in Rush county, daughter of Benjamin and Ruth (Thompson) Frazee. The father of Mrs. Humes was a substantial farmer, owning 2,000 acres of land in Rush county. She is the youngest of his three living children, having one brother, John H. and a sister, Madeline. Mr. and Mrs. Humes have two children, Benjamin, a farmer in Rush county, who married Elizabeth Hayden, and has one son, William G., and Robert, who resides with his parents and operates a garage at Rushville. Like his father Mr. Humes has always been a Republican but has never accepted political office. He and his family are members of the Christian church at Rushville.

CLAUDE R. CRANE, head of the firm of Crane & Ray, shoe dealers at Milroy, and the owner of an excellent farm in the neighborhood of Milroy, was born in that vicinity, in Anderson township, and has lived in this county all his life, for years one of the best known and most progressive merchants and live stock men at Milroy. He was born on August 2, 1884, son of Isaac and Sarah M. (Thomas) Crane, the latter of whom also was born in Anderson township, member of one of the old families of that part of the county, and who is still living. Isaac Crane was a Kentuckian by birth, but was but a lad when he came to Indiana with his parents, the family locating on a farm in Anderson township, this county. Here he received his schooling and grew to manhood, after his marriage becoming engaged in farming on his own account and became the owner of a fine farm of 160 acres, which he continued to operate until his death in 1894. To Isaac and Sarah M. (Thomas) Crane seven children were born, six of whom are still living, those besides the subject of this sketch being Marshall H. Crane, of Gowdy; William B. Crane, of Anderson township; George M. Crane, of Indianapolis, Clara Emma, and Daisy C., wife of Alexander Innis. Reared on the home farm in Anderson township, Claude R. Crane completed his schooling by a course of two years at Rose Polytechnic School at Terre Haute and upon leaving

school became engaged in the shoe business at Milroy, the business being carried on under the firm name of Crane & Ray, and has ever since been thus engaged, one of the "live wire" merchants of that enterprising and pleasant village. In addition to his mercantile business Mr. Crane is the owner of an excellent farm of 160 acres in the vicinity of Milroy and personally supervises the operations of the same, with particular reference to the raising of live stock on the place, and annually feeds out about 300 head of hogs. In 1910 Claude R. Crane was united in marriage to Catherine Barton, daughter of William and Virginia Barton, and has a very pleasant home. He and his wife are members of the Christian church and have ever given proper attention to local church work. Mr. Crane is a Scottish Rite Mason and by political affiliation is a Democrat.

SYLVESTER GWINNUP, of Richland township, has achieved definite success through his own efforts, and is thoroughly deserving of the proud American title of self-made man. Sylvester Gwinnup was born in Richland township on February 19, 1862, and he is descended from sterling old pioneer stock. His paternal grandfather, John Gwinnup, a native of Pennsylvania, turned his face westward and located in Cincinnati, Ohio, whence, in 1822, he came overland to Rush county and here entered 160 acres of land. Among his children was Job Gwinnup, who was born and reared in Rush county and who was a farmer during all his active life. Energetic and a good manager, he was successful and at the time of his death he was the owner of 110 acres of land in Richland township. He died on November 27, 1877, and was survived many years by his widow, who died in 1903. She had borne the maiden name of Elizabeth A. Smith, and, like her husband, was born and reared in this county. To this worthy couple were born ten children, of which number six are now living, namely: Sylvester, Ozias, John L., Minnie, Luther and Dora. Sylvester Gwinnup attended the old Neff Corner school in Richland township and then turned his attention to the home farm, he being about fifteen years of age when his father died. He remained with his mother until 1885, and then was employed as a farm hand for about seven years. He next rented a farm of eighty-five acres and farmed as a renter for about six years. He then began buying the home farm and through successive purchases has become the owner of 155 acres. Here he carries on general farming operations, including the feeding of a goodly number of hogs, and has gained a good reputation as a careful, practical and up-to-date farmer. On December 31, 1889, Mr. Gwinnup was married to Mary Barnes, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Barnes, and they have become the parents of four children, Hazel, Otis, Roy and Ruby. Hazel Gwinnup became the wife of Harold Moore and is the mother of two children, Seth and Mary Alice. Otis Gwinnup married Stella Cox and Ruby Gwinnup became the wife of Paul Davison. Politically, Mr. Gwinnup supports the Democratic party and his fraternal relations are

MR. AND MRS. SYLVESTER GWINNUP

with the Free and Accepted Masons. He is a man of sterling qualities of character and is held in the highest regard by the entire community.

ALBA HURST, a progressive farmer of Walker township, was born in that township on March 16, 1871, a son of James E. and Mary (Zike) Hurst, both of whom were born in Rush county. Of their family of nine children there are eight living, Alonzo, Alba, Winifred, Della, George, Pluma, Emmons and Anna V. In boyhood Alba Hurst attended school in Walker township and later had school advantages at Homer. He has been a farmer almost all his life and a hard-working one. Following his marriage he operated a farm of eighty acres belonging to his father-in-law. Later his wife inherited this farm and Mr. Hurst through his interest and industry has made it one of the most valuable as well as most presentable farms in Walker township. He not only has put in a fine system of ditching and built substantial fencing around the property, but has replaced all the old structures with new and modern buildings. Mr. Hurst is a careful farmer and in addition to doing well in grain and other crops, raises about sixty head of hogs every year. On December 23, 1891, he married Fannie M. Miller, who was born in this county, a daughter of John B. and Sarah (Clingman) Miller, whose other children are Bert, Rue and Charles. Mr. and Mrs. Hurst have two children: Ethel, wife of Wilbur Mahan, who is in the United States railway mail service and a resident of Rushville, and has two children. Grayson J. and Lewis Mull, and Ella, who is the wife of Joseph Cotton, a farmer in Walker township. Mr. Hurst and his family are members of the Baptist church at Homer. He is a Republican but has never desired public office, although at one time he consented to serve to fill out another's term as township trustee, and during that period of four months proved entirely efficient.

JOHN McCOY, a general farmer with large interests in Posey township, was born in this county, June 9, 1863, a son of Thomas and Mary (Moran) McCoy, both of whom were born in Ireland. When a boy of seven, the father came to Montreal, Canada, where he lived until 1856 when he came to Rush county to take up the career of farming in which he was to become so eminently successful. The mother came to Rush county from Niagara Falls, New York, in 1858 and married Mr. McCoy that same year. Mr. McCoy was an industrious, capable farmer, and at the time of his death had acquired 400 acres of fine land in Posey township. He and his wife had eight children, John, Frank, Joseph, Rosa, Thomas, Mary, William and Elizabeth, all living in Rush county at this writing (1921). John McCoy attended the Concord school in Rushville township when a boy, early beginning to help his father, with whom he remained until his marriage, after which he rented land and carried on farming operations for himself. At his father's death he received eighty acres from the estate to which he has since added until he now owns 220 acres, all lying in Posey township. General farming and stock raising have engaged his attention and yearly he markets 150 head

of hogs and some fine cattle. August 4, 1890, Mr. McCoy married Elizabeth Sullivan, born in Rush county, a daughter of Joseph and Mary (Lenan) Sullivan. Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan were the parents of twelve children of whom the following survive: Joseph, William, Leo, Mary, Margaret and Katherine. Mr. and Mrs. McCoy have an adopted son, Thomas Saunders, and the family belong to St. Mary's Catholic Church at Rushville. Mr. McCoy is well known in fraternal circles at Rushville, being a member of the Rushville lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and also of Rushville Lodge, No. 769, Knights of Columbus. Mr. McCoy is deeply interested as a good citizen in public affairs both in local and state questions, and has always voted with the Democratic party.

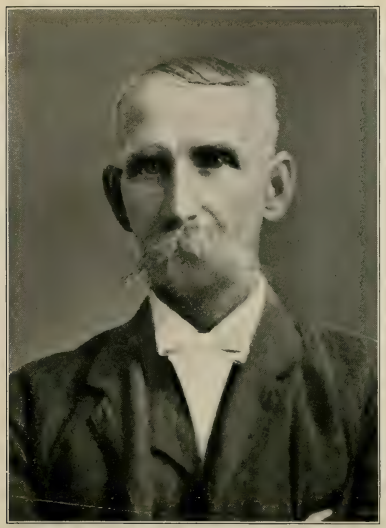
FRED H. FINLAW, M. D., of Arlington, who has within a dozen years advanced to an enviable position among the physicians of Rush county, a locality well known for the high order of its medical talent, was born at Camden, N. J., on the first day of June, 1882, and is the son of Dr. James P. and Elizabeth (Bowlus) Finlaw. The subject received his elementary education in the public schools of Camden, including three years of high school. Then, having determined to devote his life to the healing art, he matriculated in the Eclectic Medical College of Cincinnati where he was graduated on April 29, 1908, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. During the following year he served as resident physician at the Seton Hospital, but in October, 1909, the Doctor came to Rush county and entered upon the active practice of his profession at Moscow. Two years later he came to Arlington, where he has since remained and where he has built up a large and representative patronage throughout the surrounding country. He is a close and constant student of every phase of the science to which he has devoted himself and has gained an enviable reputation as a successful physician. During the recent World war Doctor Finlaw entered the service and was sent to the medical officers' training camp at Camp Greenleaf, Ga., where he became a member of the staff with the rank of first lieutenant. He remained there until December 31, 1918, when he was transferred to the Hospital Train Service at Newport News, Va., where he remained nine months. He received an honorable discharge from the service at Camp Taylor, Louisville, Ky., on September 25, 1919, and at once resumed his practice at Arlington. On April 27, 1910, Doctor Finlaw was married to Lydia P. Shepard, who was born and reared in Maysville, Ky. Politically, Doctor Finlaw is independent, voting according to the dictates of his judgment, regardless of party lines. Fraternally, the Doctor belongs to Phoenix Lodge, No. 62, Free and Accepted Masons, at Rushville; Beech Grove Lodge, No. 399, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Arlington; and the Modern Woodmen of America at Rushville. He is a member of the Indiana Eclectic Medical Association and the National Eclectic Medical Association. Religiously, he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Arlington. The Doctor is a man of kindly disposition and generous impulses and is deservedly popular throughout the community where he lives.

HARRY A. KRAMER, who has built up an important business enterprise at Rushville and accumulated a comfortable portion of this world's goods entirely through his own efforts and industry, was born in Indianapolis on February 26, 1874, the son of Henry and Maria (Mueller) Kramer, both of whom were born in Germany, where they were married. Shortly after their marriage they came to this country, realizing that there was infinitely more opportunity for advancement on this side of the Atlantic. They settled in Indianapolis, where he followed the trade of butcher which he had learned in Germany. He later removed to Crawfordsville continuing in the same line of enterprise, following it the remainder of his days. To him and his wife were born ten children, eight of whom are now living. Six of the sons became butchers, and among them Harry A., who saw that by the application of modern business principles, success could as readily be attained in this as well as in any other calling. He received his education in the schools of Crawfordsville and after completing the prescribed course of study, he learned the trade of butcher with his father. When his father undertook the operation of a slaughter house in Crawfordsville he assisted him in every way possible, and remained with the older man until 1899 when he came to Rushville. Having become convinced that this city was well suited to his purpose, he bought out the Kohlhier meat market, and conducted this retail establishment with success for about seven years. Then, wishing to enlarge the scope of his operations, he opened his wholesale meat and packing house in the location now occupied by his business. He has steadily added improvements and up-to-date equipment and a refrigerating plant. His plant has a capacity of 500 hogs per week, and he is now installing a large scraping machine having a capacity of 100 hogs per hour. The Kramer Packing Company is the manufacturer of "Excelsior" hams and bacon, brands which are favorably known throughout this section of the state. In addition to his packing interests, Mr. Kramer is the proprietor of one retail market in Rushville. Mr. Kramer married Elizabeth Puntenney, a daughter of George and Josephine Puntenney, and they are the parents of one son, William. Mr. and Mrs. Kramer are earnest members of the United Presbyterian church, and fraternally, Mr. Kramer is a member of the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. In his political belief he counts himself among the members of the Democratic party, although he has never striven for political preferment on his own account.

ROBERT KENNEDY, a well known retired farmer of this county, who is now making his home at Rushville, was born on February 3, 1848, in North Carolina. His parents were Henry and Sabra (Hilton) Kennedy, the father a native also of North Carolina and the mother of Maryland. They had nine children born to them and two of these are living, Nora and Robert. The father was a cabinet-maker by trade, but Robert early decided to become a farmer, and after his school days were over, he came to Indiana and secured work as a farm hand in Rush county. He never afterward changed his mind in favor of another vocation, but kept on working on

farms for eight years, when through industry and economy he was able to purchase a farm of 120 acres, situated in Noble township, and afterward bought the adjoining farm of 120 acres. He remained on this property as a general farmer and stock raiser for thirty-four years, during part of the time managing to ship at least one car load of cattle and three of hogs yearly. After this long period of profitable farming he leased his land and retired to a comfortable home at Rushville. During his eight years of residence in Noble township Mr. Kennedy served efficiently as road supervisor, being elected to the office on the Republican ticket. On December 15, 1871, he married Mary Barnes, who was born in Rush county, daughter of Aaron and Ann (Laughlan) Barnes. She died on May 12, 1906, and her burial was in East Hill cemetery. She left two children, Jesse B. and Clyde C. Jesse B. Kennedy, who is in the United States railway mail service, lives at Irvington, Ind. He married Florence Sipe, and they have two children, Lela and Donald B., the former of whom is the wife of Dr. Cullen Sexton, of Rushville. Clyde C. Kennedy is a civil engineer and lives in San Francisco, Cal. He married Mable Roberts and they have four children, Richard, Louise, Robert and Mary. On December 23, 1908, Robert Kennedy married Emma Newby, who was born in Davidson county, North Carolina, daughter of Henry and Delia (Kennedy) Newby. The father of Mrs. Kennedy was a shoemaker and also a farmer. Of his eleven children the following are living: Henry, Emma, Nancy, Sally, Robert, Maggie, Carl, John, William, Edward and Rosa. Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy are members of the Christian church at Rushville.

JOSEPH H. RICH, who died at his farm home in Union township early in 1919, was born in that township and spent the greater part of his life there. He was a member of one of the old families of Rush county, was a well known and influential citizen of the community in which he so long resided and it is but fitting that there should be carried in this volume of biography relating to the families of this county some modest tribute to the excellent memory he left at his passing. Joseph H. Rich was born on a farm in Union township on September 2, 1850, son of Robert W. and Phoebe (Shawahan) Rich, both of whom also were born in Rush county, members of pioneer families here. Robert W. Rich was a good farmer and followed that vocation all his life, developing a good property in Union township. Of the three children born to him and his wife the subject of this memorial tribute was the only one that grew to maturity. Reared on the home farm in Union township, Joseph H. Rich received his schooling in the local schools and as a young man continued farming with his father until his marriage at the age of twenty-three when he rented a farm in that neighborhood and began operations on his own account. Not long afterward he moved up into Madison county to engage in farming, but did not remain there long, presently returning to Rush county. Upon his return here he bought a farm of ninety-seven acres in Union township, established his home there and on that place



MR. AND MRS. JOSEPH H. RICH

spent the remainder of his life, doing well his part in the general community life, his death occurring there on February 3, 1919. Joseph H. Rich was a member of the Fairview Christian church, as is his widow, and was a member of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Falmouth. In his political affiliation he was a Democrat. On March 13, 1873, Joseph H. Rich was united in marriage to Hetty Penwell, who was born in the neighboring county of Fayette, and to this union two children were born, a son and a daughter, Roy and Ethel, both of whom are living. Roy Rich married Agatha Adams and has two children, Edna, wife of Royal Burton, and Paul. Ethel Rich married Hasting Fielding. Since the death of her husband Mrs. Rich has moved from the farm in Union township to the pleasant village of Falmouth, where she is now living comfortably situated. As noted above she was born in Fayette county and her parents, William Reed and Jane (Rea) Penwell, also were born in that same county, members of old families there. William Reed Penwell was a farmer for years in Fayette county and then moved with his family over into Rush county, where he became engaged in farming and where he and his wife spent their last days. They were the parents of two children, Mrs. Rush and her sister, Viola.

SAMUEL DARNELL, a well known retired farmer of Anderson township, this county, now living at Milroy, where he has made his home for the past two or three years, is a Kentuckian by birth but has been a resident of Indiana since he was twenty years of age and has spent the major part of his life in this county. Mr. Darnell was born in Scott county, Kentucky, September 14, 1850, son of John G. and Melissa (Arrowsmith) Darnell, both of whom were born in Nicholas county, that same state, members of pioneer families there, but whose last days were spent in Indiana. John G. Darnell was reared in Nicholas county, Kentucky, the county of his birth, and was married in Scott county, Kentucky. He was reared as a farmer and after his marriage continued to farm in his home county until the year 1870 when he came to Indiana with his family and located in Decatur county, where he rented a farm, but after awhile he came with his family up into Rush county, rented a farm here and remained until about the year 1880, when he moved to White county, this state, and bought a farm on which he spent the remainder of his life. He and his wife were the parents of ten children, J. W. (deceased), Samuel, Eliza, Anna, Sarah, Helen, Catherine, Christina, Edward and Melvina. As noted above, Samuel Darnell was about twenty years of age when he came to Indiana with his parents and he remained with them until he attained his majority when he began farm work on his own account. After his marriage he rented a farm and in the following year bought a farm of eighty acres in Anderson township, this county, and there established his home, continuing to make his residence there until in 1918 when he retired from the active labors of the farm and moved to Milroy, where he and his family are now living. It was in 1886 that Samuel Darnell was

united in marriage to Amanda Morgan, a daughter of Evan and Mary Ann (Ricketts) Morgan of this county, and to this union one child has been born, a daughter, Lena, who married Benjamin Goddard and has two children, Helen Margaret and Mary Frances. Mr. and Mrs. Darnell are members of the Christian church and take a proper interest in church work and in the general good works of their home community. In his political views Mr. Darnell is a Democrat.

D. EZRA CARMONY, a well-known and substantial farmer of Walker township, this county, and who also is a member of the firm of Carmony Bros., funeral directors at Morristown, in the neighboring county of Shelby, is a native son of Shelby county, but has been a resident of Rush county for more than ten years, having made his home here after his marriage, a very sensible step which he has had no occasion to regret. He was born on a farm in Union township, Shelby county, February 20, 1888, son of Thomas F. and Emma J. (Youngs) Carmony, both of whom were born in that same county, members of old families in the Morristown neighborhood. Thomas F. Carmony was a well-to-do farmer, a vocation which he followed all his life, and was the owner of 244 acres. He and his wife were the parents of thirteen children, nine of whom are still living, those besides the subject of this sketch being Grace A., Flora L., Albert R., Harry E., Laura E., Fern, Lillian and Charles E. Reared on the home farm, D. Ezra Carmony received his schooling in the neighborhood schools and early became interested in the funeral director's necessary calling, becoming associated with his brother, Albert R. Carmony, in the undertaking business at Morristown, about 1915. In order fully to equip himself along this line he entered the Askin training school for embalmers at Indianapolis and after a course there was graduated from that institution with highest honor. The firm ranks among the best qualified undertakers in the state. In 1910 Mr. Carmony came over into Rush county and located on the Hertsel homestead farm in Walker township and has since made that place his home, he and his family being very comfortably situated. Besides managing the Hertsel farm Mr. Carmony rents an additional sixty acres, making the total acreage which he handles, about 300 acres and is quite extensively engaged, in addition to his general farming, in the raising of live stock, feeding about five car loads of hogs and a car load of cattle annually. He still retains his interest in the business of Carmony Brothers at Morristown. It was on February 24, 1909, four days after attaining his majority, that D. Ezra Carmony was united in marriage to Olive L. Hertsel, of this county, and to this union three children have been born, L. Clarine, Vera Lavon (deceased), and Bernetta T. Mr. and Mrs. Carmony are members of the Methodist church at Manilla and take a proper interest in church work as well as in the general social activities of their home community. Politically, Mr. Carmony is a Democrat, but has never been particularly active in politics. Mrs. Carmony is a member of one of the old families of Rush county, her father, Michael Hertsel, having been born here. Her mother, who before her mar-

riage was Kathryn Borger, was born in Cincinnati. Michael Hertsel was a substantial farmer of Walker township, where Mrs. Carmony was born, and he and his wife were the parents of two children, Mrs. Carmony having a brother, Jacob C. Hertsel.

CHARLES JOHNSON, a well known Posey township farmer who has passed his life here, was born in the township in which he now resides on January 24, 1876, and is the son of Benjamin S. and Stacia A. (Alexander) Johnson, who were born on August 11, 1835, and May 12, 1838, respectively. Benjamin S. Johnson was a native of Brown county, state of Ohio, whence he was brought to Indiana by his parents when he was six years old, the family locating in Rush county. Here he was educated and on attaining years of maturity he applied himself to agricultural pursuits, following that vocation in Posey township the remainder of his life. He was successful and became the owner of 240 acres of land. He gave special attention to the breeding and raising of hogs, of which he handled great numbers. Mrs. Johnson was born and reared in Rush county and by her union with Mr. Johnson she became the mother of ten children, namely: Cansada, who is living in the neighboring county of Henry; Callie, who lives in California; Thomas S. (deceased); Bruce, Charlotte, Luvine C. and Mary, of this county; Ora A., of Kansas City, Mo., and Charles and Lelah, of this county. Charles Johnson was educated in district school No. 8, Rushville township, and after completing his studies he remained on the home farm, working for his mother until her death, since which time he and his three sisters, Charlotte, Mary and Lelah, have made their home there. They own 160 acres of land, which is well improved and highly cultivated. Mr. Johnson carries on a general line of farming, raising all the crops common to this section of the country, and also gives attention to live stock, feeding about 350 head of hogs annually. Mr. Johnson takes a justifiable pride in the general condition of the farm, which, under his direction and efforts, has become known as one of the best and most attractive in his section of the country. Politically, Mr. Johnson gives his support to the Democratic party, while he sustains fraternal relations with the Knights of Pythias lodge at Rushville. Personally, he is a man of genial disposition and obliging manner and he enjoys the friendship and good will of a host of acquaintances.

JOHN T. BUSSELL, a member of one of the prominent pioneer families of Rush county, was born in Union township on June 19, 1851, the son of James and Elizabeth Jane (McMillin) Bussell. James Bussell was born in Greene county, Ohio, February 4, 1820, the son of Samuel and Sarah (Morgan) Bussell, the former of Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, the latter a native of Virginia. During the War of 1812 Samuel Bussell served in the American army, and in 1821 decided to come west. Accordingly, in September of that year, he came to Indiana and in Rush county entered a tract of land, then a virgin wilderness, in the southeast quarter of section 19 in Union township. On February 2, 1822, he brought his family to the cabin which he had erected—his son James then being

not quite two years old. Opportunities for education were extremely limited in that early day, and James had, therefore, to depend almost solely on his native ability to make a success of his life. At the age of twenty-one he commenced farming the home place, and at his father's death bought eighty acres of it, increasing his holdings to 341 acres before his death. James Bussell was twice married and by his first wife had a son, James A. Bussell. On March 18, 1847, he took for his second wife Elizabeth Jane McMillin, a daughter of John and Susan McMillin, pioneers of Rush county, and they became the parents of four children: Susan J. (deceased), John T., Jessie F. and Emeline, who died at the age of two years. John T. Bussell attended the public schools of Union township, and then took up farming in conjunction with his father, with whom he remained until he was married, at which time he entered business for himself, renting fields from his father for several years. He then was able to buy a farm of 120 acres, which he has since owned, besides an eighty acre tract added later. Here he has always done a general farming business and raised a large amount of stock, and with characteristic progressiveness has made splendid improvements on it. He is interested in all modern agricultural methods, and has greatly increased the productivity of his soil by scientific crop rotation and fertilization. He was married in 1878 to Nancy Smith, a daughter of George and Mary Smith, and to their union there have been born three children: Blanche, who married Claude Thompson; Guy, who married Clara Shafer and has three children, Philip, Clarence, and Edgar; and John C., who is unmarried. Mr. Bussell is a member of the Christian church, in the work of which he long has been interested, having held the offices of elder, deacon and clerk, and in his political belief is a Republican.

WILLIAM H. NELSON, than whom no citizen of a past generation in Rush county was better or more favorably known, was long an enterprising and progressive farmer and stock raiser and a citizen who, while advancing the interests of himself and family, never neglected his duties to the public. Whatever of success he attained was entirely owing to his individual efforts, his energy and natural ability. From a modest beginning he gradually attained a prominence in his county which entitled him to the high esteem which he enjoyed among his neighbors. Mr. Nelson was born in Anderson township, this county, March 3, 1842, and was the son of Capt. Christian and Faticia (Cooper) Nelson, the former a native of Denmark and the latter born and reared in Greenfield, Ind. The subject received a common school education, attending the school at Arlington. In his boyhood days he worked on the farm for his father, and so continued up to the time of his marriage, when he started out on his own account by renting a portion of his father's farm, to the operation of which he devoted himself for about five years. He then bought 100 acres of land in Posey township, where he and his good wife established their home and there they resided for about thirty years, or until Mr. Nelson

WILLIAM H. NELSON AND WIFE

retired from active farm work and moved to Arlington, where he was residing at the time of his death, which occurred on September 3, 1914. Mr. Nelson was industrious, energetic and a man of sound business judgment, so that he was enabled to add to his land holdings from time to time until at the time of his death he was the owner of 1,100 acres of fine, fertile farm land, 900 acres lying in Rush county and 200 acres in Shelby county. During his active years on the farm Mr. Nelson gave considerable attention to the raising of live stock. He was practical and up-to-date in his methods and was numbered among the progressive farmers of his county. On September 29, 1861, William H. Nelson was married to Elizabeth Adams, who was born in Posey township, this county, the daughter of Jesse and Millie (Allander) Adams, both of whom also were natives of Rush county. To Mr. and Mrs. Nelson were born seven children, of whom six are living, namely: Adella, Millie, Margaret, Jesse, John, Myrta and Fannie. Adella became the wife of William Eaton, a farmer in Shelby county; Millie is the wife of James Draper, a farmer in Posey township, Rush county, and they have nine children, Olive, Cora, Nellie, Pearl, Waldo, Alphonso, Ozrow, Millie and Emerson, all of whom are married excepting Millie; Margaret, deceased, was the wife of Perry Collins, a farmer of Posey township, and the mother of two children, Harry and Claude; Jesse, a farmer in Shelby county, married Kathryn Price and they have three children, Bessie, Brainard and Warren; John, a farmer in Posey township, married Myrta Offutt and they have one child, Sabert D.; Myrta is the wife of Henry Conway, a farmer in Posey township; Fannie is the wife of Noah Moore, a farmer in Posey township, and they have two children, Wildean and John Roy. Mr. Nelson was a lifelong supporter of the Democratic party and always took a keen interest in the trend of public events, especially as relating to his own community. He was an earnest member of the Christian church at Arlington.

GEORGE MURPHY, an experienced farmer of Rush county, now residing at Rushville but actively interested in a large property in Union township, was born in Noble township, this county, November 1, 1856. His parents were John and Anna (McCrory) Murphy, who were born in Butler county, Ohio, and Fayette county, Indiana, respectively. Of their family of six children the following are living: Charles, of New Salem; Jessie, of Noble township; Mrs. Ida George, of Orange; LeRoy, of New Salem, and George, of Rushville. The father was a farmer throughout life and at one time owned 260 acres of land in Noble township. George Murphy attended the Applegate district school in his boyhood, then became his father's helper and remained on the home farm until his marriage. When starting out for himself, Mr. Murphy rented land for several years, later buying forty acres in Noble township, which property he held for some years but ultimately sold it. Mr. Murphy is now operating a farm of 160 acres in Union township that belongs to his wife, carrying on general crop raising and paying some attention to good stock. He

raises a few cattle every year and about 150 head of hogs. Mr. Murphy has been twice married. In 1878 he was united in marriage to Julia Thompson, of this county, and to this union was born one child, a daughter, Mrs. Ethel Bowen, of Orange. On October 9, 1884, he married Melvina Murdock, who was born in Keokuk county, Iowa, daughter of Hugh and Martha J. (Legg) Murdock, who were parents of three children, of whom Mrs. Murphy now alone survives. Mrs. Murphy's father died and her mother married Francis M. Hamilton, to which union three children were born: Francis M., Theodocia and Andrew Jackson, the last two of whom are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Murphy had a son, Otto Chester, born on October 25, 1885. He married Aletha A. Stephens, who died on September 15, 1912, and her burial was in East Hill cemetery. Otto Chester Murphy was a farmer in Rush county and was widely known. His death occurred on February 12, 1920, leaving one daughter, Helen J., who was born on November 19, 1910, who is attending school at Rushville and makes her home with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Murphy. Mr. and Mrs. Murphy are members of the Plum Creek Christian Church. Mr. Murphy has always been interested in public affairs and votes with the Republican party.

OLIVER W. SMITH, who died at his home in Milroy in 1904 and whose widow is still living there, was one of the best known young farmers of that section of Rush county and at his passing at the age of thirty-two years left a good memory, a modest tribute to which it is but fitting should here be set out in this volume of biographies relating to the old families of the county. He was born on a farm in Anderson township on December 26, 1871, son of Jetson and Clarinda Reardin Smith, both of whom were born in Indiana, members of pioneer families hereabout, and whose last days were spent here. Jetson Smith was a well-to-do farmer and he also gave considerable attention to public affairs, having served one term as county clerk. He was re-elected to that office but before entering upon his second term died, leaving his widow with two children, the subject of this memorial having had a sister, Cora. Reared on the home farm in Anderson township, Oliver W. Smith received his schooling in the local schools and as a young man gave his attention to the management of the farm of 200 acres left by his father and was thus engaged until his death. After his marriage he made his home in Milroy and it was there his last days were spent, his death occurring there on November 5, 1904. Mr. Smith was a Democrat. In his fraternal relations he was a member of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias and took a warm interest in the affairs of that organization. He was a member of the Christian church, as is his widow, and also gave proper attention to local church work. It was in 1898 that Oliver W. Smith was united in marriage to Bessie Jackman, who also was born in this county, daughter of John and Caroline (Tompkins) Jackman, both members of pioneer families here. Since her husband's death Mrs. Smith has continued to make her home at Milroy, where she is very pleasantly situated. As noted above, she is a member of the Christian church and has ever given

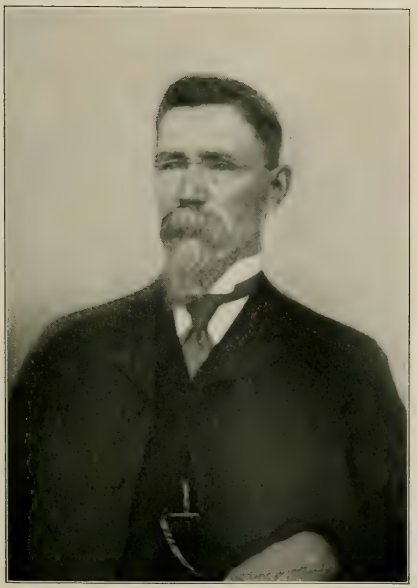
her interested attention to church work as well as to all well directed movements having to do with the advancement of the common good in the community.

NOAH MATLOCK, a retired farmer who died at his home in Circleville, this county, December 12, 1920, was born on February 26, 1844, in Rushville township, and had lived in this county all his life. His parents were Thomas S. and Mary (Alexander) Matlock, who had a family of twelve children, the following surviving: Smith H., of Howard county, Indiana; Mrs. Caroline Amos, also of Howard county; William A., of that same county; Cicero, of Kokomo, Indiana; Mrs. Mary A. Shropshire, of Rushville, and Bruce, of Circleville. The father of this family was born in Overton county, Tennessee, and the mother in Kentucky. They made the journey to Indiana on horseback, arriving in Rush county on August 13, 1831, and the late Noah Matlock owned the house in which his parents spent their first night in Indiana. His father was an educated man and had taught school for twelve years in Kentucky before coming to Indiana, where he acquired large bodies of land and followed farming. He owned 455 acres in Rushville township, this county, and 220 acres in Howard county. He took an interest in having his children educated and after Noah left school he was associated with his father as a farmer until he was thirty years old. Following his marriage he rented 140 acres from his father-in-law, which he operated for six years, after which he bought thirty-seven acres in Rushville township, that being the nucleus of his later extensive farm of 286 acres. During his active years Mr. Matlock carried on general farming and raised a good grade of stock, usually marketing 100 head of hogs yearly. Upon retiring he gave his land to his children and for some years, or until his death, lived at Circleville. On September 24, 1874, Noah Matlock married Martha E. King, who was born in Rushville township, this county, daughter of Elisha and Martha (Wood) King, natives of Kentucky and Wayne county, Indiana, respectively. They had ten children of whom Mrs. Matlock is the only survivor. Her father was a heavy landowner in Rush county, owning a farm of 500 acres in Rushville township and 140 acres in Anderson township. Mr. and Mrs. Matlock had four children, two of whom survive, Ernest K. and Florence. Ernest K. Matlock is a banker in the city of Detroit, Michigan. He married Sarah Webster and has two children, Webster and Martha J. Florence Matlock married Theodore Abercrombie, a farmer in Rushville township. Mr. Matlock was a member of the Christian church, as is his widow. In his political views he was a Democrat.

CARL FREDERICK BEHER, D. D. S., one of the well-known dental practitioners of Rushville, was born in Rush county on April 24, 1879, the son of John Frederick and Amelia E. (Dill) Beher, both of Rush county. John F. Beher was for a great many years a popular merchant at Occident, this county, where he conducted a general merchandising business until the time of his death in September, 1881, at his home in Occident. After his death, Mrs. Beher married William N. Megee, of Rush county. She was the mother of

three children, Carl Frederick Beher, Minnie T. Beher and Grace (Megee) Anderson. Dr. Carl F. Beher received his early educational training in the public schools of Rushville, completing his sophomore year in the high school. He then went into Dr. Megee's dental office as apprentice for two years. In 1898 he entered the Ohio College of Dental Surgery at Cincinnati, and after a thoroughly comprehensive course there, was graduated in 1901 with the degree of D. D. S. In November of the same year, he opened an office in Rushville, where he has practiced continuously since, a conscientious student of his profession. On December 12, 1905, Doctor Beher married Lucia Wilson, and to this union there has come one child, William Frederick, born on July 10, 1907, who is attending school in Rushville. Both the Doctor and his wife are earnest members of the Christian church, and politically belong to the Democratic party. He holds membership in a number of fraternal and professional societies, the Masons, in which order he has attained the Scottish Rite; the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Rotary Club, the State and National Dental Associations, and the Psi Omega dental fraternity. To the dentists of Rushville belong the credit of originating the plan of making Wednesday afternoon a holiday for dentists, an idea which has been taken up by the profession throughout the entire state. The local representatives of this profession are Drs. F. R. McClanahan, F. M. Sparks, Hale Pearsey, Charles S. Green, P. H. Chadwick, Frank Smith and Carl Frederick Beher, and to the admirable spirit of friendly co-operation which has been displayed by them may be directly attributed the success of the organization which they maintain.

JAMES P. ARCHEY, who died at his home at Milroy in 1918 and who for years had been regarded as one of the substantial landowners and farmers of that part of the county, a man of influence along several lines, was a Virginian by birth, but had been a resident of Indiana since his majority and had thus come to regard himself as much a Hoosier as though "native and to the manner born." He was born in Rockbridge county, Virginia, October 14, 1845, son of Peter and Abigail Archey, both natives of the Old Dominion, who came to Indiana, driving through with their family and belongings in 1866, and established their home in Shelby county, locating on a farm where they spent their last days. Peter Archey and wife were the parents of nine children, of whom three, Mary, Charles and Andrew, are still living, the others besides the subject of this memorial sketch having been Joseph, John, Robert, Blaine, and Thomas. As will be noted by a comparison of the dates above given, James P. Archey was twenty-one years of age when he came to Indiana with his parents. He had been reared to the farm in his native Virginia and upon coming here resumed farming, working with his father until his marriage two years later, after which he rented a farm in Rush county, and began operations on his own account. His affairs prospered and he presently bought a farm of eighty acres and also began buying and selling live stock



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on a considerable scale and in both farming and in his stock dealing did well. After a while he sold his "eighty" to advantage and bought another place, the acreage of which he gradually increased until he became the owner of a fine farm of 240 acres in Anderson township and on that place made his home until his retirement from the farm in 1888 and removal to Milroy, afterward giving most of his attention to his stock buying, and there spent the rest of his life, his death occurring on December 9, 1918. In his political views Mr. Archey was a Democrat and ever since coming to Indiana had given a good citizen's attention to local civic affairs. Fraternally, he was affiliated with the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Milroy and had taken a proper interest in the affairs of that popular organization. He was a member of the Methodist church, as is his widow, was for years a class leader in the church, superintendent of the Sunday school and a member of the board of trustees, and in other ways was helpful in strengthening and advancing the labors of the congregation. It was on December 1, 1868, that James P. Archey was united in marriage to Elizabeth Hill, who was born in this county, daughter of James and Mary (Armstrong) Hill, and to this union were born seven children, of whom six are still living, namely: Effie, who married Leslie Scull and has two children, Edna and Clarence; Edgar, who married Minnie Walker and has three children, Clara, Elmer and Margaret; Zelma, who married Walter Mansfield and has two children, Carlos and Camilla; Hugh, who married Eva McCracken and has one child, Lawrence; Clyde, who married Anna Aldridge and has two children, James William and Mary Louise, and Cleve, who married Dorothy Allison and has four children, James Francis, Robert Allison, Clara Belle and Edward Elsworth. Four of Mrs. Archey's grandchildren are married and she has two great-grandchildren, as follows: Edna Scull married William Davis; Clarence Scull married Fay Westerfield and has one child, Dorothy Louise; Clara married William Bentz, and Carlos Mansfield married Ida McGuire and has one child, a daughter, Marie Elizabeth. Since the death of her husband Mrs. Archey has continued to make her home at Milroy, where she is very pleasantly situated. As noted above, she was born in this county, but was but a babe when her parents moved from here over into the neighboring county of Franklin, where she received her schooling and grew to womanhood, and where her parents spent the remainder of their lives. James Hill, father of Mrs. Archey, was a Pennsylvanian by birth, who had come to Indiana in the days of his young manhood and here saw fit to remain. He was a skilled carpenter and builder and followed that vocation quite successfully both during the time of his residence in Rush county and after moving to Franklin county. He and his wife were the parents of seven children, those besides Mrs. Archey (the first born) being Fannie, John, Emma, Jesse, Cyrus and Alice.

DAYTON HUNGERFORD, a well-known and substantial retired farmer of this county, now living at Milroy, was born in Rush county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in Orange township on April 7, 1848, son of Calvin and Eleanor (Sefton) Hungerford, both of whom were born in Ohio but who spent most of their lives in this county, for many years useful and honored residents of Orange township. Calvin Hungerford was born in Butler county, Ohio, and there grew to manhood. He then came to Indiana and located in Rush county, engaged for some time in farm work on the farm he bought when he first came here and then erected a combined saw and gristmill on the creek in Orange township, the same being operated by water power and was for years there engaged as a miller, but as the products of the local mills began to be crowded out by the more widely distributed products of the larger mills discontinued that business and bought a farm in Orange township and began to develop his farming interests which he gradually extended until he became the owner of a fine farm of 500 acres, and on that place spent his last days, his death occurring before he had reached middle age. Calvin Hungerford was a man of influence in his community and for several terms served as justice of the peace in and for Orange township, as "Squire" Hungerford being widely known throughout the county. His widow survived him and continued to maintain the home, the operations of which were carried on by her elder sons until finally distribution of the estate was made. Calvin Hungerford and wife were the parents of nine children, six of whom are still living, those besides the subject of this sketch being Henry, of Anderson township; John, of Grant county, this state; Sarah E., wife of Israel Piper, of Milroy; Orlando, of Shelby county, this state, and Caroline, wife of Elbert Hodges, of Posey township, this county. Reared on the home farm in Orange township, Dayton Hungerford received his schooling in the schools of that neighborhood and early began to take, in his mother's behalf, an active interest in the work of the farm, thus growing up to be an excellent farmer. He remained at home until his marriage, after which he bought a tract of forty acres, to which he presently added an adjoining tract of fifty-five acres, this giving him, with what he had inherited, a farm of 160 acres and as his operations prospered he continued to add to his holdings until he became the owner of a fine farm of 490 acres in Orange and Anderson township. In addition to his general farming Mr. Hungerford gave considerable attention to the raising of live stock, with particular attention to hogs, and did well in his operations, continuing thus actively engaged until his retirement from the farm in 1905 and removal to Milroy, where he bought a pleasant home and is still living. It was in 1872 that Dayton Hungerford was united in marriage to Perlina Peck, who was born in this county, daughter of Alfred and Elizabeth Peck, and to this union were born six children, namely: Elbridge (deceased), who married Flora Marsh; Elizabeth, who married Harry Biggs and has one child, Mary Margaret; Luther, who married Kate Mull and has two children, Wesley and Helen; Dorsey, who married Myrtle Norris and

has two children, Bernard and Tedric; Calvin, who married Rebecca Webb and has two children, Glenn and Maxina, and Jesse, who married Gertrude Kellum and has three children, Howard, Mildred and Geraldine. Mr. and Mrs. Hungerford are members of the Christian church and Mr. Hungerford served for some time as a member of the board of trustees of the same. In his political views Mr. Hungerford has always aligned himself with the Democratic party, but has never taken a particularly active part in political affairs.

BENJAMIN F. JONES, a retired farmer, now residing at 1208 North Perkins street, Rushville, is a Kentuckian by birth, but has spent the greater part of his life in Rush county. He was born on January 4, 1867, in Scott county, Kentucky, son of Nelson P. and Eliza (Powell) Jones, whose family contained six children, the four survivors being Napoleon, Jefferson, John and Benjamin F. The father followed farming all his life. Benjamin F. Jones attended school in his native county and afterward in Rush county. He then "worked out" on farms for twelve years, after which he rented land for eight years, then finally purchased ten acres of good land in Ripley township, on which he lived for two years, then rented it to a tenant, moving then to Rushville township, where he rented and for two years operated an eighty-acre farm. He then bought a farm of forty-seven acres in the same township and conducted it for three years, then sold to advantage and later bought the farm of 100 acres that he yet owns, to which he subsequently added twenty-seven acres. While living on this farm Mr. Jones carried on general farming and also raised about two car loads of hogs annually. Mr. Jones has always been a man of enterprise and has often shown good judgment in handling business propositions. In 1910 he embarked in the live-stock business and for three years did a large amount of buying and selling. He moved then to Rushville and embarked in the automobile business which he continued for more than six years, during this time being agent for the Willys-Overland company. Since then he has lived practically retired, having his farm of 127 acres satisfactorily leased. On September 2, 1891, Mr. Jones married Willie Whitton, who was born in Scott county, Kentucky, daughter of Kennedy and Nancy (Connley) Whitton. They have one son, Kanada, who is a farmer in Rush county. He married Grace Clifton and has two children, Maxine and Pauline. Mr. and Mrs. Jones are members of the Plum Creek Christian Church. He has always given his political support to the Democratic party.

JAMES HENRY DAVIS, a substantial and well known retired farmer of Anderson township, this county, now living at Milroy, where he and his family are very comfortably situated, is a native son of Rush county and has lived here all his life, doing well his part in the general development of the community in which his family has been represented since pioneer days. Mr. Davis was born on a farm in Anderson township on September 19, 1856, son of Samuel and Mary (Henry) Davis, both of whom were born in Kentucky, members of pioneer families, and further mention of whom is made elsewhere

in this volume of biographies relating to the old families of Rush county, together with additional details regarding the Davis family this county. Reared on the home farm, James Henry Davis received his schooling in the little old log school house which served his home district in those days, also the old Richland Academy, and from the days of his boyhood was a valued assistant to his father in the labors of developing the home farm. After his marriage Mr. Davis began farming on his own account, renting his father's farm, and was thus engaged for several years, at the end of which time he bought a tract of eighty-four acres and on that farm established his home. By diligent application his affairs prospered and as conditions favored he gradually added to his holdings until he became the owner of a fine farm of 164 acres, which he still owns, and on which he made his home until in 1899 when he retired from the active labors of the farm and moved to Milroy, where he is now living. Mr. Davis is a Republican and has ever given a good citizen's attention to local civic affairs. In 1878 James Henry Davis was united in marriage to Lena Barton, daughter of James A. Barton, and to this union one child was born, a daughter, Wildie Davis, who is now (1921) a member of the staff of teachers maintained in the schools of Murphysboro, Illinois. The Davises have a pleasant home at Milroy and have ever taken an interested part in the general social activities of their home community.

WILLIAM P. KING for almost a half a century has been helping to make history in Rush county, and so well has he directed his energies that in 1910, at the age of fifty-four years, he was able to retire from active life on a comfortable competence. He has led a simple, active and methodical life, and his career has been one in which he has won his success fairly and without resource to unfair advantages. Mr. King was born in Richland township on December 28, 1856, a son of Charles and Elvira (Tryon) King, natives of this county, and a grandson of Joseph King, who was an early emigrant to Rush county from the state of Pennsylvania. Charles King was reared in Rush county, and attended school in Richland township, in which community he was married. As a young man he took up the trade of cooper, which he followed during the early years of his life, following which he embarked in farming in association with his father until he got a start as an agriculturist. Later, in partnership with his brother, William, he worked at farming and the cooper trade, but eventually started farming on his own account, his original purchase being forty acres. To this he added from time to time until he became the owner of nearly 300 acres of valuable land, and on this property he continued to carry on successful activities until the time of his retirement. When he died, in April, 1897, his community lost one of its capable agriculturists and constructive citizens. Mrs. King died in 1895, the mother of five children: Mary Eliza, Zenas, Issalo, Alcie and William P. William P. King received his education in the

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public schools of Richland and Noble townships, and upon completion of his literary training took up farming in association with his father. Subsequently, he rented land from the elder man until the latter's death, farming some 180 acres with a fair degree of success. At his father's demise, Mr. King came into an inheritance of some property, to which he has added by purchase until he now has 120 acres, all in Noble township. He made numerous improvements on this tract, upon which he engaged actively in general farming and stock raising until 1910, when he retired. The modern, well furnished home and capacious barns are due to his success and forethought, and the place generally bears the impress of the large and generous personality of the owner. Mr. King was married on January 28, 1880, to Mary Pond, daughter of Thomas Hitt and Sarah A. (Parvis) Pond, and to this union three children have been born: Willard P., who married Laura Jones and has three children, Helen Leila, Mabel and Gladys; Lela Irene, who married Roscoe Lefforge and has two children, Angus Loren and Lowell; and Mary Edith, who married Lowell Norris and has two children, Mary Helen and Paul Tillette. Mrs. King belongs to a family which came to Indiana from New York state and settled in Franklin county. Her father was a native New Yorker and her mother was born in Dundee, Scotland. Mrs. King was born at Metamora, Franklin county, in which county she resided until her marriage, her father being the owner of a farm of 208 acres. There were six children in the Pond family: Elizabeth K., Ella, Cassius C., Mrs. King, Frank F. and Ida B. Mr. and Mrs. King are members of the Christian church at Andersonville, and Mr. King is a Republican. He is a companionable and well-posted man, observing the world from wide range, and retaining his faith in the goodness of mankind, and in the existence of opportunity for all who earnestly seek it.

CYRUS E. INLOW, one of Rush county's best known and most substantial farmers and stockmen, was born in the village of Manilla, where he still resides, and has lived there all his life. He was born on February 18, 1863, son of Dr. John J. and Mary A. (Mull) Inlow, the latter of whom was a daughter of Jacob Mull, a Virginian and one of the pioneers of Walker township, further mention of whom, together with a comprehensive story of the Mull family in this county, is set out elsewhere in this volume. The late Dr. John J. Inlow, who for many years was a practicing physician at Manilla, was a Kentuckian, born in Fleming county in the Blue Grass state, February 13, 1826, son of Abraham and Sophia (Bell) Inlow, the latter of whom, a native of Lewis county, Kentucky, died in 1828, and the former of whom also was born in Fleming county, Kentucky, July 18, 1802, of Welsh descent, his parents having been among the pioneers of that county. After the death of his first wife Abraham Inlow married Mary Payne and by that union was the father of six children, Jane, Samuel, Thomas, Joseph, Lucy and Octave. John J. Inlow was but two years of age when his mother died and he was

reared in the family of his paternal grandfather, James Inlow. He finished his local schooling at the Flemingburg Academy and when twenty years of age, in 1846, began the study of medicine under the preceptorship of Dr. E. O. Bell at Flemingburg, following this by a course in the Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati and in the spring of 1849 began the practice of medicine at Martha Mills, a village in his home county in Kentucky. In 1851 Dr. John J. Inlow left that place and came to Indiana, locating at Manilla in this county, where he bought the practice of Dr. J. W. Trees and became a settled physician of this county. Doctor Inlow had a realizing sense of land values and in time became the owner of about 600 acres of land in the eastern part of Shelby county and in the western part of this county, a considerable tract of which adjoined the village of Manilla. On June 28, 1853, about two years after coming to this county Dr. John J. Inlow married Mary A. Mull, who was born in this county. April 28, 1831, a member of one of the pioneer families of Walker township, as noted above, and to this union were born nine children, six daughters and three sons, all of whom grew to maturity save three of the daughters, those besides the subject of this sketch being Emma S., born in 1854, who married Nathan F. Talbott and moved to Chattanooga, Tennessee, in 1878; two infant daughters who died unnamed; William E., 1859; Katie, 1861, who died in 1862; Lulu J., 1865, who married Louis J. Kauffman in 1884 and moved to Columbus, Indiana; Charles, 1867, and Lucy J., 1870, of Rushville. Cyrus E. Inlow was reared at Manilla and early began to give his attention to his father's farming interests, giving particular attention to the live stock business, making a specialty of trading in horses and mules, for which at that time there was an excellent market hereabout, and has continued thus engaged, making his home in Manilla and at the same time operating the old home place of 250 acres in Walker township which he owns jointly with his sister, Lucy J., and he has done very well in his operations, long having been regarded as one of the progressive and substantial citizens of that thriving community. Mr. Inlow also owns a tract of land near Indianapolis and has a farm in Kansas. On March 1, 1889, Cyrus E. Inlow was united in marriage to Alice Haehl, who also was born in this county, daughter of John M. and Sarah (Headley) Haehl, who were the parents of six children, three of whom survive, those besides Mrs. Inlow being Fred Haehl and her sister Corda. Mr. and Mrs. Inlow have four children, three sons and a daughter, William D., Charles F., Herbert and Alaelie, the latter of whom married Alonzo Sheedy, a farmer of the Manilla neighborhood, and has one child, a son, William. All three of the Inlow brothers have followed in the footsteps of their grandfather, Dr. John J. Inlow, in their inclination toward the medical profession and the elder of the brothers, Dr. William D. Inlow, is now connected with the world-famed hospital of the Mayo brothers at Rochester, Minnesota, where he has been located for the past two years. He was graduated from the University of Chicago and afterward was accorded his medical degree by Rush Medical College and was serving as an interne in the Cook County Hospital at Chicago when American

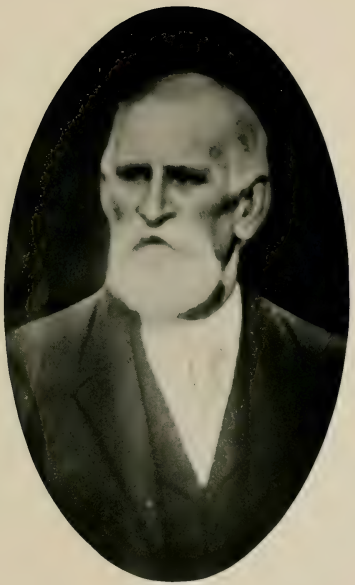
participation in the World war was begun in 1917. He enlisted his services in behalf of the medical corps of the United States army and was commissioned a lieutenant in that branch of the service, serving until mustered out some time after the signing of the armistice, after which he entered upon his present connection in the great Mayo hospital. Dr. William D. Inlow has done considerable research work for the government, has written widely for medical journals and has a United States license, having won second honors in the examination which secured him this distinction, the only one who passed a higher grade in that examination having been a professor of medicine. The second son, Charles F. Inlow, served in the medical department of the United States navy during the war and is a member of the 1921 class at Rush Medical College, Chicago. He also was graduated from the Kirksville (Missouri) Osteopathic school in 1915. The third son, Herbert, who was graduated from the University of Chicago, won his "letter" for athletics while attending that institution and is now attending Rush Medical College, a member of the class of 1922. He married on September 8, 1920, Opal Martyn, one of the teachers in the school at Manilla.

WILLIAM C. CULBERTSON, a retired farmer of this county, now living at Rushville, was born in Noble township on December 10, 1874, the son of William and Victoria (Armstrong) Culbertson, both natives of that township. The father of William Culbertson, also named William, was one of the earliest pioneers of Rush county, coming here from Kentucky in the first years of its organization, and entering land in Noble township. Here he built a log cabin and set about clearing his land for suitable cultivation, and here his son William grew to manhood taking up farming for himself when he had reached man's estate. At one time he was the owner of 140 acres of fine land, on which he did a general farming business, continuing actively engaged until a few years before his death. He and his wife were the parents of seven children, two of whom are still living in Rush county, William C. having a brother Charles, who lives at Sexton. William C. Culbertson was educated in the public schools of Noble and Rushville townships and until he was eighteen years of age worked on the home farm in conjunction with his father. He then began working out as a farm hand, and was variously employed for the succeeding eight years, at the end of which time he married and started farming on a place of 132 acres in Rushville township which had been inherited by his wife. He conducted general farming operations, in which he was eminently successful, until the time of his retirement. He then removed to Rushville, where he now resides and has since sold the farm. Mr. Culbertson married Martha Colvill, a daughter of John and Nancy Colvill, who came from Kentucky when Martha was an infant, locating on a farm in Rushville township where they spent the rest of their lives. One child, who died in infancy, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Culbertson and their loss has been a great sorrow to them both. Mrs. Culbertson is a devout communicant of the Christian church, and never overlooks an opportu-

nity of doing good. Mr. Culbertson is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and in his political affiliations is counted among the adherents of the Republican party.

ALONZO P. ELLISON, a well-known farmer and stockraiser residing in Walker township, was born in Rushville township, this county, February 18, 1859, a son of William J. and Sarah J. (Duke) Ellison. Alonzo P. Ellison attended the Miller school in Rushville township and school in district No. 6, Walker township, after which he worked with his father on the home farm until his marriage. After starting out for himself Mr. Ellison rented a farm of 160 acres in Walker township, on which he lived for eight years, when he bought the farm on which he has ever since resided. Mr. Ellison has 160 acres of valuable land, on which he has done a large amount of ditching and has otherwise improved it, since coming here having erected his comfortable farmhouse and fine barn. In addition to crop raising he gives a large amount of attention to cattle and hogs, his annual increase being from 10 to 15 head of cattle and 125 head of hogs. On January 17, 1889, Mr. Ellison married Belle Johnson, who was born in Rush county, daughter of Casper and Martha (Sells) Johnson. Mrs. Ellison died on January 14, 1900, leaving three children, Frank, who died on June 5, 1914; Charles and Lucille. On September 16, 1903, Mr. Ellison married Adenia Lee, who was born in Tipton county, Indiana, daughter of Harlen and Catherine (Nelson) Lee, farming people there, who had a family of seven children, four of whom are living, those besides Mrs. Ellison being Arthur, Florence and Royal. Mr. and Mrs. Ellison have three children; Floyd, Beulah and Allen. The family belongs to the Christian church at Homer, of which Mr. Ellison is a trustee. Although never aspiring to political office, Mr. Ellison has always been an active citizen in his community and from early manhood has cast his vote with the Republican party.

MRS. ALICE A. BROOKS, widow of the late Melvin Brooks, of Rushville, has been a resident of this county since the days of her girlhood and has thus been a witness to the many changes that have taken place in this community since the days of the Civil war, and has many interesting stories to tell of the gradually changing conditions which have marked the extraordinary development noted during this period. Her late husband was a veteran of the Civil war and she had three brothers engaged in the service of the Union during that period of national stress, hence the impressions created by the war were to her not only very vivid but have proved lasting. Mrs. Brooks was born in Washington county, Ohio, and was but a child when her parents, Horatio and Nancy Culver, came to Indiana with their family and located in Rush county. Here she received her schooling and here she married Melvin Brooks, who had been a soldier in the Union army during the Civil war. Melvin Brooks was born in Nicholas county, Kentucky, and was but five years of age when he came to Rush county with his parents, the family settling in Noble township. Here he



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received his schooling and as a young man became engaged in farming on the home place. When the Civil war broke out he enlisted his services in behalf of the Union cause and went to the front as a member of G Company, Fifty-second regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, with which command he served for nearly four years. Upon the completion of this service Mr. Brooks returned home and resumed farming on the home place in Noble township. Following his marriage to Alice A. Culver some time later he purchased a tract of 200 acres in Noble township and there established his home. He continued to operate the farm until his retirement in 1910 and removal to Rushville, where he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring there on November 21, 1917. Mr. Brooks had two brothers, Thomas and William Brooks, who also were veterans of the Civil war. Mrs. Brooks had three brothers, George M., Oscar and Wesley, who also were soldiers in the Union army. Since the death of her husband Mrs. Brooks has continued to make her home at Rushville, residing at 225 West First street, where she is very pleasantly and very comfortably situated. To Melvin and Alice A. (Culver) Brooks were born seven children, Fannie, Forest, Charles, Sadie, Myrtle, Vernon and Morton, all of whom are residents of this county with the exception of Morton Brooks, who is a resident of Indianapolis. Mrs. Brooks is a member of the Christian church and has ever taken an interested part in church work as well as in the general social activities of the community in which she has so long resided.

GREELEY P. MAUZY, a retired farmer now residing at Rushville, was born in Madison county, Indiana, September 10, 1861, a son of Peter and Jane (Wilson) Mauzy, the latter of whom was born in Rush county. His father was born in Kentucky and was five years old when he accompanied his parents to Indiana, the family locating in Rush county. In young manhood he moved from this county to Madison county, Indiana, where he carried on farming until fifty years old, when he returned to Rush county and bought a tract of 400 acres in Jackson township, which he farmed until within fifteen years of his death, when he moved to Rushville where he passed the rest of his life. He and his wife had a family of five children, Mollie, Sophia, Alma, Maggie and Greeley. After his schooldays were over, Greeley P. Mauzy began to help his father on the farm, the latter encouraging him by giving him a part interest in the products. He was twenty-one years old when he bought eighty acres of the farm, at the same time renting the rest of the land, and as his industry and good management proved the undertaking profitable, his father consented to continue to rent him the farm, up to his own death. He then rented the entire 320 acres from the other heirs and now is the owner of the old homestead. He demonstrated unusual business ability in carrying on all his agricultural industries, for many years being one of the leading stockmen of Rush county, paying particular attention to Shorthorn cattle and Poland-China hogs, turning off

from 250 to 300 head of hogs annually. Since retiring from the farm Mr. Mauzy has occupied his comfortable residence at 1032 North Main street, Rushville, his son Chase having charge of the farm in Jackson township. On March 8, 1881, Mr. Mauzy married Alice Newhouse, who died on October 13, 1905. She was born in Rush county, a daughter of Alfred and Eliza (Tenner) Newhouse. On June 8, 1911, Mr. Mauzy married Alma Bishop, who was born in Union township, this county, daughter of Josiah and Elizabeth (Cline) Bishop. But two of Mr. Mauzy's children are living: Chase and Grace. Chase Mauzy is his father's dependable farmer in Jackson township. He married Florence Davis and has two children, Emily and Ruth. Grace Mauzy married Harry McManus, a farmer in Jackson township, and has two children, Thomas and Alice. Mr. Mauzy has been a deacon in the Christian church at Rushville many years and is a member of Ivy Lodge, No. 57, Knights of Pythias. He votes the Republican ticket.

CHARLES S. HOUGLAND, M. D., a well known physician at Milroy, this county, who served with the rank of captain in the army medical corps during the late World war, has been a resident of Rush county for about twenty-five years and in that time has won a wide acquaintance throughout this and adjoining counties. The Doctor is a Missourian by birth, born in Scotland county, Missouri, June 11, 1871, son of John C. and Sarah E. Hougland. Upon completing the high school course in the schools of Mexico, Mo., in 1888 he went to Kansas City and for more than two years was there engaged in newspaper work as a reporter. In the meantime he had been giving his serious attention to preparatory studies in medicine and had determined to devote his life to the practice of the medical profession. Entering the College of Physicians and Surgeons at St. Louis he took a further course there and then entered the Marion Sims Medical College, from which he was graduated in 1892. Upon attaining his degree Dr. Hougland was appointed an interne in the government hospital at Memphis and after more than two years of intensive practical experience in that institution came to Indiana and opened an office for the practice of his profession at Rockport. Two years later he moved to Milroy and has ever since been engaged in practice there, with the exception of the period during which he was attached to the army medical corps during the time of America's participation in the World war. He entered the army on August 18, 1918, and was stationed at Camp Greenleaf, Georgia, with the rank of captain, in charge of convalescent camp No. 15, and continued in service until honorably mustered out on February 25, 1919, though still retained in the medical reserve corps. In addition to the college experience acquired by Dr. Hougland and which has been noted above, he also some years ago took a post-graduate course in the Post-Graduate School of Medicine in New York City. The Doctor is a member of the Union District Medical Society, of which he served for six years as secretary and for one year as president; is a member of the Indiana State Medical Society and served for six years

as counsellor for the same from this district, and is a member of the Rush County Medical Society, in the affairs and deliberations of all of which professional organizations he ever has taken a warm and active interest. For five years he served as a lecturer on gastro-intestinal diseases in the medical school of Indiana University. In 1896 Dr. Charles S. Hougland was united in marriage to Amelia Catherine Jacobs and to this union two children have been born, William Gordon and Yuma Caroline. Dr. and Mrs. Hougland have a pleasant home at Milroy and have ever taken an interested part in the general social activities of their home community. The Doctor is a member of the local lodges of the Free and Accepted Masons and of the Knights of Pythias and gives proper attention to the affairs of these popular fraternal organizations.

PHIL WILK, the present auditor of Rush county, has attained to his substantial standing in the community by long years of indefatigable effort throughout his interesting and varied career. He was born on January 27, 1859, in Scott county, Indiana, the son of Philip and Mary (Pfierman) Wilk, both natives of Germany who came to America when they were still single, the father landing in New Orleans and the mother in New York. Philip Wilk was a harness-maker, a trade which he had learned in Germany, and for a time after his arrival in this country worked at this business in New Orleans, later removing to Cincinnati where he was married and continued in the harness industry. He then owned a hotel in Cincinnati for a time, but sold out his interests there to move to Scott county, Indiana, where he engaged in farming and harness making until about 1866, when he moved to Lexington, Indiana, where he owned and operated the Lexington Hotel. After a number of years he sold out the hotel and bought another in Vienna, but soon went back to farming, an occupation which received his attention until the time of his death, prior to which he had acquired 120 acres of land. When he came to America his means were small, and he had to depend entirely upon his own resourcefulness as both of his parents had died before his departure for this country. But by frugality and application to business, his ascent of the ladder of success was sure and firm. To him and his wife were born seven children of whom five are living, George, Henry, Jesse, Phil and Mary. Phil Wilk received his education in the schools of his native county, and then learned telegraphy. At the age of seventeen he left Scott county and for three years thereafter filled various positions as telegrapher. He then took a position as bookkeeper for a contracting firm, a business which engaged his efforts for many years. He helped build the railroad from North Vernon to Rushville, now part of the Big Four system, and the railroad from Greensburg to Columbus known as the C., H. & G., also now a part of the Big Four. He next became bookkeeper for the contracting firm which built the Northern Indiana hospital for the insane at Logansport, and then went south into Tennessee with a railroad construction company by which he was

employed as bookkeeper and paymaster. In 1888, he took up contracting for himself, and three years later came to Rushville as a member of the contracting firm of P. H. McCormack & Co., to build the court house. After the completion of this edifice he went into railroad construction work, principally for the traction lines, and continued this until 1917 when he turned to farming. He now owns a valuable and well-improved farm of 120 acres in Rushville township, this county, and takes pride in being included among the up-to-date agriculturists of this locality. In 1889, Mr. Wilk was married to Cora Smith, a daughter of Ben L. Smith, of Rushville, for years one of the leaders at the local bar, and of whom more extended reference is made in the sketch of his son, Donald L. Smith, elsewhere in this volume. Mr. and Mrs. Wilk are the parents of two daughters, Edith and Erema, both of whom are graduates of Indiana University. Edith Wilk married Wendel Wilkie and has one child, Philip, and Erema Wilk married Miller Hamilton, and has one son, James. In his religious beliefs, Mr. Wilk adheres to the tenets of the Presbyterian faith, and fraternally is a member of the Knights of Pythias in the local lodge of which he has been "through the chairs." He has taken an active interest in all political matters since his residence in Rush county, and was rewarded by the citizens thereof in his election on November 2, 1920, to the office of county auditor. He took office the first of the year (1921) and it is confidently believed by his many friends that he will make an exceptionally able and pleasing officer.

WILLIAM T. MOORE, former county commissioner and one time trustee of Richland township, whose life history is herewith briefly outlined, has lived to good purpose and achieved a large degree of success. By a straightforward and commendable course he has made his way to a respectable position in the agricultural world and has won the hearty admiration of the people of his community. Mr. Moore was born in Rushville township, this county, on July 18, 1864, and is the son of Andrew and Polly (Nick) Moore, who were natives of Rockbridge county, Virginia, where they were reared and married. In 1861 they came to Indiana, locating in Noble township, this county, where Andrew Moore became employed by the day, later being similarly employed for a couple of years in Rushville township. He then began to cultivate rented land here, and so continued until 1890, when he moved to Posey township and farmed there until 1919, when he retired from active work and is now eighty-one years of age. William T. Moore received his education in the common schools of Rushville township. Thereafter he followed agriculture as a vocation, working on his father's land until his marriage, when he began farming on his own account. Later he and his father rented 400 acres of land in Posey township, which he operated for six years. He then moved to Richland township and during the following one and a half years he operated 200 acres of rented land in Richland township. He then moved to Decatur county, Indiana, where he rented and operated 400 acres of land about six years. Mr. Moore then

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From left to right: Andrew Moore, Earl B. Moore, Lowell Moore,

bought 300 acres of land where he is now living in Richland township, and he has operated this land and managed his affairs so well that he has increased his land holdings to 671 acres, lying in Rush and Franklin counties, though he is confining his personal efforts to the 300 acres at his home. He carries on general farming and also gives some attention to live stock, feeding annually from 300 to 400 hogs and thirty head of cattle. Mr. Moore was married to Alma V. Watson, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Watson, and ten children have blessed their union. Nine of them survive, namely: Earl, who married Iva Henderson and they have five children, Lowell, Hubert, Lois, Maurice and Gleda; Edward married Hazel Hebb and they have one child, William; Harold married Hazel Gwinnup and they have two children, Seth and Mary; Charles married Hazel Roach and they have two children, Maxine and Marium; Mary, deceased; Andrew, Luella, W. Lon, Thelma and Howard. Mr. Moore gives his support to the Democratic party and has served the public as trustee of his home township and for one term as a member of the board of county commissioners from his district. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he has passed through the official chairs, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

OMER P. MULL, a well-known farmer and stockraiser of Walker township, this county, was born in that township on August 24, 1853, a son of William and Elizabeth (Jones) Mull, both of whom were born in Rush county and spent their lives here. They had a family of eight children, seven of whom are living, Madaline, Clarissa, Alice, Nella, Omer P., Jacob A. and Earl. William Mull was one of the substantial farmers of Rush county and at the time of his death owned 1,040 acres of land situated in Walker and Rushville townships. Omer P. Mull and his brothers and sisters attended the Alexander school in Walker township as did many of Mr. Mull's neighbors still living in this section, but he also had high school advantages at Rushville. He then worked on the home farm for his father until he was twenty-five years old, when his father recognized the value of his services by purchasing and bestowing on Mr. Mull the farm on which he has lived ever since. He has 113 well improved acres in his place and carries on general farming and raises cattle and hogs, being able to ship about a carload of each annually. On August 1, 1878, Mr. Mull married Ada M. Lines, who was born in Noble township, this county, daughter of Aaron and Elizabeth (McWain) Lines, both natives of Rush county and farming people, Mr. Lines also being a carpenter. Mrs. Mull has two sisters and two brothers, Sarah E., LeRoy, Mollie and Charles E. Mr. and Mrs. Mull have had nine children: Eulalia B., who is teaching in the Shelbyville schools; Hallie, who married William Webster, a farmer of Rush county, and has two children, Harry and Mull; Artie A., now living at Rushville, who married Ollie Edwards and has one son, James; Charles E., who died at the age of thirty years; Max, an enterprising business man of

Dayton, Ohio, manager of a chain of restaurants, who married Eva Allen; Donald L., a merchant at Homer, who married Myra Hester, who died on June 10, 1917, leaving three children, Marjorie, Frederick and Martha; Noble, who is a draftsman for the Dayton Steel & Construction Company, Dayton, Ohio; J. Blount, who is completing a course in chemistry at Purdue University; and Helen, who is now attending the Shelbyville high school. Mr. Mull and his family belong to the Christian church at Homer. He is a Republican in his political convictions.

W. T. LAMPTON, M. D., one of the best known physicians in Rush county, who for more than a quarter of a century has been practicing his profession at Milroy and who is widely known throughout that whole section, was born in Breckinridge county, Kentucky, August 27, 1855, son of the Rev. Henry T. and Mary Catherine (Browne) Lampton, both of whom also were born in Kentucky. The Rev. Henry T. Lampton, who was a Baptist minister, was a son of Thomas C. and Nancy (Vershee) Lampton, who had come to this country from Durham, England, and had settled in Kentucky. In 1871 the Rev. Henry T. Lampton came to Indiana with his family and located at Rockport, where his last days were spent. He and his wife were the parents of three children, Doctor Lampton having two sisters, Catherine and Nancy. Reared in Kentucky, Dr. W. T. Lampton was early prepared for the exacting profession to which he had devoted his life. After four years at Transylvania University he attended the medical college of the University of Kentucky for three years and in 1879 was granted his Doctor of Medicine degree. For three years after attaining his degree the Doctor practiced his profession at Olney, Illinois, and then entered the medical college of Bellevue Hospital at New York, where he took three years of intensive, practical post-graduate work and in 1886 was awarded an honorable supplemental degree. Thus admirably equipped for the further practice of his profession the Doctor located at Kansas City, Missouri, and remained there until in 1888 when he went to Chicago and was for several years engaged in practice in that city. In 1895 the Doctor returned to Indiana and opened an office at Milroy, where he ever since has been engaged in practice and where he has long been recognized as one of the substantial and influential factors in the general life of that community. In 1900 Dr. W. T. Lampton was united in marriage to Ethel Tompkins, daughter of Ira and Arkansas Tompkins, and to this union one child has been born, a daughter, Ellendore. Dr. and Mrs. Lampton are members of the United Presbyterian church at Milroy and have ever taken an interested part in the general good works of the church, the Doctor having for some time been serving as a member of the board of trustees of the church. In his political views the Doctor is a Demorat and has taken a generally active interest in the affairs of that party in this county and in local civic affairs generally. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Milroy and takes a proper interest in the activities of that popular fraternal

organization. The Doctor also is a member of the American Medical Association, the Indiana State Medical Association and the Rush County Medical Society and in the affairs of these several professional organizations takes a warm interest.

DAVID E. BARNARD. The thriving and hospitable village of Manilla includes among its residents many who have stepped aside from the paths of labor to allow to pass the younger generation with their high hopes and ambitions. Among these retired residents none is more highly esteemed than David E. Barnard, a highly respected octogenarian, who for many years was engaged in agricultural pursuits in Posey township, this county. Mr. Barnard was born in Wayne county, Indiana, November 2, 1840, a son of Barzillai G. and Rachael (Robert) Barnard, the former a native of North Carolina and the latter of Virginia. The parents were married in Fayette county, Indiana, and the father followed farming throughout his life, for the most part in Rush county, where he owned about 300 acres of land. There were eleven children in the family, of whom five are living, Ambrose, Herman J., Mary E., Helen G. and David E. David E. Barnard received his education in the public schools of Posey township, this county, to which community he had taken by his parents when six years of age. He began working on his father's farm, but at this point the peaceful routine of his life was disturbed by the advent of the Civil war, and on July 21, 1862, he enlisted for service in the Union army, and was mustered into the service on August 16, 1862, as a member of Company C, Sixteenth regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, with which command he served nearly three years, being mustered out on July 20, 1865. During his service in the army Mr. Barnard showed himself a valiant and faithful soldier and rose in rank, eventually receiving an honorary commission as first lieutenant from Governor Morton. After leaving the army, Mr. Barnard worked at several different occupations, principally farming, until his marriage in 1869, at which time he became the proprietor of a country store in Posey township, which he conducted for three years. He then turned his attention again to farming, which he followed with success in Posey township until 1920, when he retired from active pursuits and took up his residence at Manilla. At this time he and his wife are the owners of 122 acres of valuable land in Posey and Walker townships. Mr. Barnard was married on October 28, 1869, to Jennie Swain, who was born in Walker township, this county, daughter of Prior and Louisa (Coffin) Swain, natives of North Carolina, who followed agricultural pursuits in Walker township for many years. Of their two children, Mrs. Barnard survives. Mr. and Mrs. Barnard have had four children, of whom three are living, Omar P., a traveling salesman living at Charlottesville, Indiana, who married Lulu Macy and has four children, David I., Glenn R., Kenneth S. and Perry L.; Marshall S., a telegraph operator for the Pennsylvania railroad at Franklin, Indiana, who married Pearl Taylor and has one child, Dorothy A.; and Dr. Roy F. Barnard, a dental practitioner of Shelbyville, Indiana, who married Minnie

Schlissmann and has two children, J. Paul and Elizabeth F. Mr. and Mrs. Barnard are members of the Little Blue River Friends Church. He is a Republican in his political sentiment and a strong supporter of the principles of his party.

WILLIAM A. HOWELL, one of Anderson township's substantial farmers and landowners furnishes in his life an excellent example to the younger generation of the meaning of surmounting difficulties along the highway of life. Left a soldier's orphan when but a boy, Mr. Howell faced an apparent handicap to progress, for he was compelled by the stern necessities of the case to go to work at an age when most boys are enjoying the provisions of tender care and comfort; but he was possessed of youthful strength, a courage to face obstacles and a fine will to do and he kept going ahead until in due course he became the owner of an excellent farm and has long been regarded as one of the substantial citizens of his community. Mr. Howell was born on a farm in Jennings county, Indiana, April 10, 1853, son of Alpheus and Eliza (Byrom) Howell, both natives of Ohio. Alpheus Howell came into Indiana from Ohio when a young man and began working on a farm in Jennings county. There he was married, his wife also having come to this state from Ohio, and was living there when the Civil war broke out. Despite the fact that he had eight small children, a fact which ordinarily would be regarded as a sufficient "hostage to fortune" to require every precaution against undue chance, his patriotic fervor impelled him to enlist his services in behalf of the Union cause and he went to the front a soldier in I Company of the Fifty-second regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and was serving with that gallant command when he died in 1864 from a wound received in battle. His widow did not long survive him, her death occurring in April, 1865. This patriotic couple had eight children, as noted above, and seven of these are still living, those besides the subject of this sketch being Joseph, Samuel, Elizabeth, Chauncey, Sarah and Lydia. William A. Howell was but eleven years of age when his patriotic father met a gallant soldier's death and it was but a few months later that he was doubly bereft by the death of his mother. The children of this orphaned family thus were left without their natural protectors and providers and thus when he was but a mere lad William A. Howell was compelled to start as a farm hand, doing a man's work before he had a man's strength to do the same, but his pluck and courage kept him going and he got along, meantime picking up such schooling along the way as the limited school terms to which he had access permitted. He married in Jennings county and then rented a farm there, remaining in that county until about 1890 when he came up into Rush county with his family and became engaged here as a farm hand and was for nineteen years thus engaged. In the meantime he was saving something every year and in 1900 bought a little tract of twenty-one acres, and gradually added to that until four

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years later when he had a tract of sixty acres, onto which he moved and thus began farming on a place of his own. There he remained until in September, 1907, when he moved to the place he now owns, an excellent farm of 140 acres, and there resided until he moved to Milroy in 1916, he and his family being very comfortably situated. In addition to his general farming Mr. Howell gives considerable attention to the raising of live stock, has a well equipped farm plant, and is doing well in his operations. It was in 1875 that William A. Howell was united in marriage to Emma Story, who also was born in Jennings county, daughter of Thomas and Josephine Story, and to this union one child has been born, a son, William Hollis Howell, who married Theresa Rogers and has two children, Edwin and Neva. Mr. and Mrs. Howell are members of the Christian church and take a proper part in church work as well as in the general good works of their neighborhood. Mr. Howell is a Republican but has never taken a particularly active part in political affairs, although always interested in movements having to do with better local government and the promotion of the community welfare along all lines.

WILLIAM L. HERKLESS. Since its establishment in Rush county at an early period in this community's history the Herkless family has sustained unfailingly the most intelligent and practical interests of the locality. In the third generation of this family to contribute to the development of the county is found William L. Herkless, the owner and operator of a valuable tract of land in Ripley township, where he is adjudged by his fellow-citizens a most progressive agriculturist. Mr. Herkless was born on April 17, 1881, in Ripley township, a son of Milton and Eunice (Winslow) Herkless. Milton Herkless was also born in Ripley township, and after acquiring his education at the Earnest schoolhouse began farming the home place. At the death of his father, at a comparatively early age, he assumed the management of the property, a tract of 160 acres which he conducted for his mother until the latter's demise. He was a man of high standing in his community, upright in business, sound in citizenship and faithful in his friendships, and had the esteem and respect of all. The only child of his parents, William L. Herkless was given good educational advantages in his youth, first attending the public schools of Carthage and being later given an agricultural course at Purdue University. With this preparation, he returned to the home farm, and not long thereafter was given its management. In conducting the operations on this 160-acre tract he secured valuable training and experience, and in 1906, after his marriage, purchased eighty acres of land in partnership with his father, with whom he continued to farm for four years. In 1910 Mr. Herkless bought seventy-four acres in Ripley township, which he operates in conjunction with the eighty acres before mentioned. He is a capable general farmer, and has also met with success in his activities as a stock raiser. At this time he is feeding out about four carloads each year and is constantly extending the scope of his activities. His

property is conducted along modern lines and his modern buildings and equipment reflect the progressive ideas of the owner. On June 3, 1903, Mr. Herkless married Gertrude B. Gilson, who was born in Center township, this county, daughter of Robert and Ellen (Graham) Gilson, farming people of that township. To Mr. and Mrs. Herkless there has been born one daughter, Mildred, who is attending school. Mr. and Mrs. Herkless are members of the Christian church, which they attend at Carthage. In politics he supports the Democratic party.

JACOB D. TODD, a native son and honored citizen of Rush county, now living in retirement at his comfortable home in Center township, and who as an agriculturist ranked among the best in his community, was born in the township now honored by his citizenship, on May 21, 1854, and is the son of Andrew and Elizabeth (David) Todd, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Bourbon county, Kentucky. Andrew Todd came down the Ohio river from Pennsylvania as far as Lawrenceburg, Indiana, where he remained for a time and then, in 1839, he came on to Rush county. During the ensuing ten years he was employed by the day as a farm hand, but he then engaged in farming on his own account, buying acres eighty of land in Center township, to which he later added thirty-seven acres, making his holdings here 117 acres, and on this farm he made his home up to the time of his death, which occurred on April 18, 1890. His wife had died on November 18, 1887. Of the seven children who blessed their union three are now living, Joseph W., Leah and Jacob D. Jacob D. Todd received his educational training in the Ball school, in Center township, and remained on the home farm, assisting his father in its operation up to the time of his marriage, in 1886, when he began farming for himself on an eighty-acre farm which he and his brother owned. They also rented the homestead of 117 acres and farmed it. For about ten years after his marriage the subject and his wife lived with his parents, but at the end of that time they moved to the place where they now reside, the homestead comprising seventy-nine acres of fine land. Mr. Todd has done a great deal of ditching on this farm and has made many other valuable improvements on it, including some important improvements on the buildings. For a number of years he successfully operated this farm, but is now retired and rents the fields, retaining for his own use the home, where he is now quietly enjoying the fruits of his former years of effort. Mr. Todd has been twice married, first, on September 9, 1886, to Mary E. Sample, who was born and reared in Hancock county, Indiana, the daughter of George and Susan (Williams) Sample, and to this union was born a daughter, Vessie P. The latter became the wife of Ernest Cook, of Columbus, Indiana and they have two children living, Garnet and Naomi. Mrs. Mary E. Todd died on January 29, 1891, and on April 19, 1893, Mr. Todd was married to Mrs. Eliza J. (Reeves) Jones, who was born and reared in Center township, Rush county, the daughter of Jesse and Sallie (Johnson) Reeves, both of whom were natives of Ohio. They had four children,

of whom two are living, Mrs. Todd and her brother Clinton. By a former marriage Mrs. Todd is the mother of a daughter, Addie M., who is the wife of Richard E. Sample, who is engaged in the furniture business at Knightstown, Indiana. Politically, Mr. Todd is a stanch supporter of the Democratic party and has served for six years as a member of the advisory board of Center township. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Knightstown. He has ever taken a deep interest in the welfare of the community and is held in high regard.

AL A. REEVES, who has long been regarded as one of the most progressive agriculturists and public spirited citizens of Center township, in which he has spent practically his entire life, was born in that township, on May 2, 1872, and is the son of O. M. and Lucinda (Talbert) Reeves, both of whom were also natives of Center township. Mr. Reeves followed farming throughout his active life and was the owner of sixty acres of land in Center township. To him and his wife were born three children, all of whom are living, namely: Arthur, Munson and Al A. The subject of this review is indebted to the public schools of Center township for his educational training, he having attended the Demick school. From the time he was old enough he devoted himself to the work of the home farm, where he remained until his marriage, in 1894, when he began farming on his own account, renting land for that purpose for about twelve years. Mrs. Reeves then inherited the farm where they now live and they at once moved onto it. The farm consists of eighty-three acres of fine tillable soil and here Mr. Reeves carries on a general line of farming. He also gives some attention to the raising of live stock, feeding about 125 hogs each year. He has made many improvements on the place, the general appearance of which indicates him to be a man of taste and good judgment. On October 17, 1894, Mr. Reeves was married to Nora Gilson, a native of Center township and the daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Wells) Gilson, both of whom were born and reared in Rush county. Mr. and Mrs. Reeves have a son, Lowell M., born on April 21, 1908. Politically, Mr. Reeves gives his support to the Democratic party. He is deeply interested in public events and supports every movement for the advancement of the general welfare.

FLOYD M. WILLIAMS, who by a life of persistent and well applied energy and commendable industry along honorable lines has earned the right to specific mention in the history of his county, was born in Henry county, Indiana, on September 5, 1884, and is the son of Charles E. and Charlotte (Watts) Williams. The mother was born in England, but at the age of two and a half years she was brought to the United States by her parents, and she received her education at Oberlin, Ohio. Charles E. Williams was born in Rush county and was reared and educated in Knightstown. He has followed farming here during the major portion of his life, mostly in Center township, where he owns 150 acres of land, and he also owns 153 acres of land in Henry county. Of the three children born to him and his wife two are now living, Carroll and Floyd. Floyd

M. Williams received his educational training in the public schools of Knightstown and after completing his studies he engaged in the business of a florist at the latter city for about one and a half years. He was also employed at several other occupations prior to his marriage, but after that event he engaged in farming in Ripley township, Rush county, where he rented eighty-three acres of land. After operating that land for five years, Mr. Williams moved to the place where he now lives, comprising 150 acres, which he rents from his father. He carries on general farming operations, in which he has met with pronounced success, and he also has gained a wide reputation as a successful breeder of thoroughbred big-type Poland China hogs, raising and selling them for breeding purposes. He raises about 150 hogs a year and usually conducts semi-annual sales of his animals. He keeps his place in good shape and is considered a good farmer. On December 6, 1906, Mr. Williams was married to Pearl Hotchkiss, who was born in Switzerland county, Indiana, the daughter of George K. and Belle (Jolly) Hotchkiss, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of New Marion, Ind. Mr. Hotchkiss, who was a stonemason by trade, enjoyed the respect and esteem of the entire community in which he lived. He was the father of seven children, of whom six are living, namely: Gay, Julia, Audrey, Leona, Thomas, Harvey (who died at the age of twenty-five years) and Pearl. Mr. and Mrs. Williams are the parents of two children, Hollis and Margaret, both of whom are attending school. Mr. and Mrs. Williams are earnest members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Knightstown. Politically, Mr. Williams is a stanch supporter of the Republican party, while he also belongs to Lodge No. 99, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Lodge No. 236, Knights of Pythias, both at Knightstown.

W. H. FRY, one of the well known and substantial farmers and landowners of Union township, was born on the place on which he is now living, on rural mail route No. 1 out of Falmouth, and has lived there all his life, a period of more than three score years. He was born on October 9, 1857, son of Henry and Eliza Jane (Bishop) Fry, who were for years influential residents of Union township. Henry Fry was a Pennsylvanian by birth, born in Washington county in the old Keystone state, and was but eight years of age when he came to Indiana with his parents, Elijah and Sarah Fry, the family locating in Union township, this county. There Henry Fry grew to manhood and after his marriage to Eliza Jane Bishop, who was born in Preble county, Ohio, and whose parents had located in this county during the days of her girlhood, established his home in that township, becoming the owner of a farm of ninety acres on which he spent the remainder of his life. He and his wife were the parents of five children, of whom but two are now living, W. H. Fry and his brother Elijah. Reared on the home farm in Union township, W. H. Fry completed his schooling in the Fairview Academy and from the days of his boyhood was a valued assistant to his father in the labors of the home farm. After his marriage he continued on the home place, giving his earnest

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endeavor to the development of the farm and after his father's death took over the place and has continued to reside there, he and his family being very comfortably situated. In 1884 W. H. Fry was united in marriage to Jennie Bilby, who was reared in Fayette county, and to this union four children have been born, namely: Amy, who married Carl Ging and has two children, Norman C. and Marjorie Ellouise; Minnie, wife of A. W. Werking; Dottie, who married Ray White and has two children, Ella Jane and Wilma May, and Ozetta, wife of Irving Walker. The Frys are members of the Plum Creek Christian church and Mr. Fry is a clerk of the official board of the same. In their political affiliations they are Democrats. Mrs. Fry was born in Polk county, Iowa, daughter of Jasper and Margaret (Hazzard) Bilby, the latter of whom was born in Auglaize county, Ohio. Jasper Bilby was born in Pennsylvania and was but a boy when he came to Indiana with his parents, the family locating in Fayette county, where he grew to manhood and was married. Some time after his marriage he moved to Iowa and for a time resided in Polk county, that state, but later returned to Indiana and resumed his vocation of farming in Fayette county and was thus engaged there the rest of his life. He and his wife were the parents of fourteen children, of whom six are still living, Mrs. Fry having three brothers, Jasper, Allen and Dr. F. N. Bilby, and two sisters, Ola and Stella.

GEORGE T. KEISLING, a well-known farmer of Richland township and one of Rush county's representative citizens, was born on his father's farm in Richland township, on February 15, 1883, the son of L. W. and Lillie (Gordon) Keisling, the former a native of Rush county and the latter born in Franklin county, Indiana. L. W. Keisling spent practically his entire life in Rush county, having been reared here. He secured his elementary education in the local schools, and then attended Moores Hill College, where he completed his studies. He then returned home and engaged in farming, which vocation he followed continuously here up to the time of his retirement. In 1879 he moved to Richland township and bought 240 acres of land, to which he added until his holdings amounted to 400 acres, all in Richland township. To him and his wife were born three children, George T., the immediate subject of this review, Jennie Katherine and Leo W. George T. Keisling attended the public schools of Richland township, and after completing his schooling he turned his attention to the home farm, assisting his father in its operation until his marriage, in 1904. He then engaged in farming on his own account in Anderson township, renting land there for two years. At the end of that time he returned to Richland township and for a year cultivated some of his father's land. He then rented the Jake Fisher farm, to the cultivation of which he devoted himself for ten years. At the end of that time he bought sixty-six acres of land south of the Fisher farm on which he resided until he moved to the place

he now owns, now having total holdings of 161 acres, and here he has met with a very satisfactory measure of success. He carries on a general line of farming and also gives some attention to live stock, feeding about a carload of hogs annually. On November 9, 1904, Mr. Keisling was married to Maude E. Fisher, the daughter of James and Elizabeth Fisher, and to them have been born two children, Lillian, deceased, and Howard. Mr. and Mrs. Keisling are active members of the Methodist Episcopal church and he has been a member of the board of trustees of the local society for more than ten years. In matters political, he gives his support to the Republican party.

CLAUDE B. HUNT, one of Union township's well known farmers and landowners, proprietor of an excellent farm of 100 acres on rural mail route No. 7 out of Rushville, was born in Rush county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in Rushville township on May 15, 1875, son of George W. and Sarah F. (Holmes) Hunt, both of whom also were born in Rush county, members of old families here. George W. Hunt was born in Noble township, a son of Harrison and Diana Hunt, the latter of whom was born in Mason county, Kentucky. Harrison Hunt was born in Harrison, Ohio, son of Samuel Hunt, who was a son of Jonathan Hunt, of New Jersey. Harrison Hunt was but a boy when he came to Indiana with his parents from Ohio, the family settling on a farm in Noble township, this county, among the pioneers of that section. In his turn Harrison Hunt became a farmer in that same township and there reared his family, his son, George W. Hunt, in his turn also becoming a farmer, a vocation he followed all his life, in addition to which he also became widely known hereabout as a horseman. George W. Hunt and wife were the parents of nine children, of whom seven are still living, those besides the subject of this sketch being Sallie, Sidney L., Inez, Ray, Blaine and Blanche. Reared on the farm in Rushville township, Claude B. Hunt received his schooling in the local schools and continued farming with his father until his marriage, when he rented a farm and started out on his own account, continuing as a renter in Rushville and Noble townships for ten years, at the end of which time he bought a "forty" in the latter township. Three years later he sold that place to advantage and bought an "eighty" on which he made his home for six years. He then bought the farm of 100 acres in Union township on which he is now living and has since made his home there, he and his family being quite pleasantly situated. Mr. Hunt has his farm improved in admirable shape and in addition to his general farming feeds out around 100 head of hogs annually and is doing well. It was in 1898 that Claude B. Hunt was united in marriage to Theodosia Guffin, who also was born in this county, daughter of Andrew and Clarinda (Brooks) Guffin, and to this union three children have been born, Marjorie, Georgie and Wilna. The Hunts are members of the Ben Davis Christian church, and Mr.

Hunt formerly was a deacon of the church. He is a Republican and is affiliated with the local lodge of the Red Men at Rushville.

WILLIAM T. HUFFERD, a representative agriculturist and stock man of Posey township, with which locality his life has been closely interwoven, is a native son of Rush county, having been born in Rushville township on December 5, 1865. His parents, John H. and Rhoda (Adams) Hufferd, also were natives of this county, the father having been born in Rushville and the mother in Posey township. John H. Hufferd was a carpenter by trade and followed that vocation during practically his entire active life. To himself and wife seven children were born, and all are living, namely: John, Lot, Benjamin, William T., Edward, Laura and Amanda. William T. Hufferd was educated in the schools of Rushville township and after completing his studies he continued to live at home, being engaged in the cultivation of the home farm up to the time of his father's death. He then went to Hancock county, Indiana, and engaged in farming on rented land, cultivating 100 acres and remaining there about five years. He then moved to Washington township and rented land for nine years, after which he moved to Posey township, Rush county, and bought fifty-eight acres, which he operated during the ensuing five years. He then sold that tract and bought the splendid farm where he now lives in Posey township, comprising 134 acres. Here he carries on general farming and also feeds about two carloads of hogs a year. The place is well improved and its general appearance indicates the owner to be a man of good taste and up-to-date ideas. On March 13, 1888, William T. Hufferd was united in marriage to Martha Eaton, a native of Posey township and the daughter of John A. and Millie Ann (Miller) Eaton. Mr. Eaton was a farmer in Posey township during all his active life and was numbered among the substantial and influential citizens of his community. He and his wife were the parents of five children, John, William, Elizabeth (deceased), Martha and Susan. Mr. and Mrs. Hufferd are the parents of five children, John, Ralph, Millie, Della and Thomas, all of whom are graduates of the Arlington high school. John Hufferd, who is farming in Posey township, married Ethel Northen and they have two children, Fred and Evelyn. Ralph Hufferd, who is a rural mail carrier, living in Posey township, married Elma Coffin and they have one child, William. Millie Hufferd became the wife of Albert Reddick, a farmer in Posey township, and they have one child, Deward. Della Hufferd is the wife of Russell Orme, a farmer in Walker township, this county. Mr. Hufferd gives his support to the Democratic party and, fraternally, he is a member of Beech Grove Lodge, No. 399, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Arlington. He and his wife are earnest members of the Christian Union church at Homer. In all the relations of life he has been true to the dictates of his conscience and his judgment and has won and retains a host of warm and loyal friends.

THOMAS R. LEE, trustee of Posey township, a worthy representative of that type of American business man who may properly be termed "progressive" and a well-known farmer of Posey township, this county, was born in that same township on May 6, 1878, and is the son of Harlan and Catherine (Nelson) Lee, both of whom also were born and reared in Rush county. Harlan Lee followed the vocation of carpentering in his earlier years, but later he turned his attention to farming, confining his operations to Posey township, where he acquired 236 acres of land. He also owned property in Arlington. He was a man of fine qualities of head and heart and enjoyed universal confidence in his community. Of the seven children who were born to him and his wife, four are now living, namely: Adenia, Arthur, Florence and Thomas. Thomas R. Lee attended the schools of Arlington, and after completing his studies he continued on the home farm, working for his father until his marriage. He then rented 120 acres of land, which he cultivated for about four years, at the end of which time he moved onto the place where he now lives, a part of which he bought, the remainder being inherited by his wife and himself. Mr. Lee has made many splendid improvements on this farm, including a new residence, and it is now one of the attractive and profitable farms of that locality. He carries on general farming and stock raising, feeding a large number of hogs annually for market. On October 2, 1901, Mr. Lee was married to Ruth A. Addison, a native of Rush county and the daughter of Jefferson and Elizabeth M. (Cathon) Addison, both of whom were also natives of Rush county. Mr. and Mrs. Addison were the parents of five children, all of whom are living, namely: William A., Della, Orlando, Charles and Ruth A. To Mr. and Mrs. Lee have been born two children, Mabel, born on January 6, 1904, and Harlan, born on June 26, 1906, both of whom are students in the Arlington high school. Mr. and Mrs. Lee are active members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Arlington. Mr. Lee gives his active support to the Republican party and is the present trustee of Posey township. Fraternally, he is a member of Beech Grove Lodge, No. 399, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Arlington. Mr. Lee's life has been one of unceasing industry and perseverance and he has so ordered his actions as to win the esteem and good will of all who know him.

WILLIAM P. SMITH, former assessor of Jackson township and an honored veteran of the Civil war, who died at his home in Jackson township in the spring of 1915, was born in that township on March 1, 1842, but at the age of four years was taken by his parents to Iowa, the family locating in the vicinity of Keokuk, where he grew to manhood. When the Civil war broke out Mr. Smith enlisted his services in behalf of the Union and went to the front as a member of E Company, Fifteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. Upon the expiration of this term of enlistment he re-enlisted and returned to service as a member of H Company, One Hundred and Sixteenth Iowa Volunteer

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Infantry, with which command he remained until mustered out at the close of the war, his total service covering a period of more than four years. Among the notable engagements of the war in which Mr. Smith participated were the battles of Lookout Mountain and Shiloh. In the latter engagement he was severely wounded by being shot in the left leg. The ball was not extracted and he carried it with him to his grave. Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Smith returned to the place of his birth and became permanently located in Rush county, becoming engaged in the sawmill business in Jackson township, a vocation which he continued during the remainder of his active life. Mr. Smith was a Republican and served two terms as assessor of Jackson township. He was an active member of the Grand Army of the Republic. Though not a member of any church he was reared a Baptist and his support was given to the local church of that faith. He died on March 20, 1915. On February 20, 1870, not long after his return to Rush county, William P. Smith married Frances Elizabeth Porter, who was born in this county on January 2, 1848, daughter of John and Sarah (Hilkert) Porter, natives, respectively, of Virginia and Pennsylvania, who had been residents of this county since the days of their youth, their respective parents having been pioneers of the county. John Porter was but six years of age when he came to Rush county with his parents from Virginia and he spent the rest of his life here, a substantial member of the community in which he lived. To William P. and Frances Elizabeth (Porter) Smith were born seven children, Lulu P., Laura E., Mila A., Charles L., Anna (deceased), Hazel M. and Cassius Smith, the latter of whom served as a soldier during the period of America's participation in the World war, going overseas on June 10, 1918, as a member of A Company, Sixty-first Engineers, and returning on September 20, 1919.

C. M. GEORGE, superintendent of schools of Rush county and for years an earnest factor in the cause of the advancement of education hereabout, was born in the neighboring county of Franklin, but has been a resident of this county for the past twenty years or more. He was born on October 10, 1873, son of William H. and Lavina (George) George, both of whom also were born in Franklin county, members of pioneer families in that part of the state. William H. George grew up in Franklin county and for some years followed farming there, but later moved over into Rush county, and located in Richland township. Not long afterward he bought a quarter of a section in Noble township on which he established his home and there spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring in 1917. He and his wife were the parents of eight children, of whom seven are still living, those besides Superintendent George being Edwin O., Arthur H., Earl W., Mrs. Anna C. Heaton, Frank C. and Riley E. Superintendent George was reared in Franklin county and upon completing the course in the common schools there secured a license to teach and in 1894 was given his first school in his home county. His experience during this first term of teaching convinced him that he had found

his life's vocation and he entered upon the work with an earnestness that soon brought him recognition among local educators. While teaching he was not neglecting the extension of his qualifications for the profession to which he had devoted himself and in pursuit of his plans for the better preparation for his life task he entered the Indiana State Normal School at Terre Haute and was graduated from that institution in 1898, and in 1901 took a supplemental course at Indiana State University. Following the receipt of his diploma from the State Normal Mr. George was selected from a number of applicants for the position of principal of the high school at Wheatland in Knox county. For two years he occupied that position and then in 1900 he was called to accept the principalship of the high school at New Salem in this county. This latter position he filled so acceptably that he was retained from year to year for ten years or until in 1910 when he was elected by the county board of education to fill the unexpired term of Orlando Randall as superintendent of the schools of Rush county. In accepting this position Mr. George devoted so much earnestness to the task before him and the results he soon was seen to be obtaining in the way of improved conditions in the schools of the county were so satisfactory that he has been retained in this important position and is now (1921) serving his third term in this office, the longest period of service ever rendered by any superintendent of schools in Rush county, a record which his friends declare speaks for itself, and upon which it would therefore be merely fulsome here to comment. In September, 1900, C. M. George was united in marriage to Ivah E. Ewbank, daughter of Martin V. and Rachel Ewbank, and to this union have been born two children, daughters both, Elsie F. and E. Ruth. Mr. and Mrs. George are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. George is a York Rite Mason, a member of the Rushville commandery, Knights Templar, and has for years taken a warm interest in Masonic affairs. Politically, he is a Republican and has ever given a good citizen's attention to civic affairs.

EDWARD MATNEY, who died at his farm home in Noble township in December, 1899, and whose widow is still living, was a native son of Rush county and all his life had been spent here. He had rendered well and faithfully his account to the community in all the relations of life and it is but fitting that there should here be carried in the history of his native county some slight tribute to the good memory he left. Edward Matney was the son of Elijah and Ada (Roberts) Matney, who were married in the neighboring county of Fayette and had come over into Rush county shortly after their marriage, locating on a farm in the Bethany neighborhood, where Elijah Matney spent the remainder of his life, an earnest and useful pioneer of that section. After his death his widow made her home at New Salem, where her last days were spent. Of the eight children born to this pioneer pair six are still living, Ocea, Elijah, William F., John, Dora and Mary. Edward Matney was reared on the home farm in Noble township and in the excellent schools of that neighborhood received his schooling. As a young man he took up farming and after his

marriage to Elizabeth J. Williams, established his home on a farm in that township and continued engaged in farming the rest of his life, at the time of his death being the owner of a well improved farm of ninety-seven acres. In addition to his farming Mr. Matney had for years given considerable attention to the breeding of fine horses and was recognized as one of the leading horsemen of his neighborhood in the day when fine horses did so much to add to the fame and name of Rush county. He was a deacon in the Bethany Christian church and did well his part in maintaining community good works. Edward Matney died on December 10, 1899, and his widow, as noted above, is still living. She was born in Noble township, daughter of William and Mary Elizabeth (Reeve) Williams, the former a native of Tennessee and the latter of Kentucky, both of whom had come to this county in pioneer days with their respective parents, who were among the early settlers of the county. William Williams grew to manhood in Noble township and after his marriage to Mary Elizabeth Reeve established his home on a farm there, where he and his wife spent their last days, influential residents of that community. They were the parents of eight children, three of whom are still living, those besides Mrs. Elizabeth J. Matney being Irma and Nannie. To Edward and Elizabeth J. (Williams) Matney were born two sons, C. Burl and Harold, both of whom are living. C. Burl Matney was born on March 3, 1887, and was reared in Noble township. Upon completing his schooling he continued his labors on the home farm until his marriage in 1913, after which he bought the homestead place of his grandfather, an excellent farm of 100 acres, and was for some time engaged in farming there. He presently left the farm for awhile and became engaged in the hardware business at New Salem, but after a year of commercial experience he returned to the farm and has since made his home there, engaged in general farming and stock raising, and has done well. On May 22, 1913, C. Burl Matney was united in marriage to Bessie Downey, who was born and reared in the vicinity of Rushville, daughter of J. Ed and Hattie (Sparks) Downey, the former also a native of Rush county and the latter of the neighboring county of Franklin. In 1918 J. Ed Downey moved from this county to Jennings county, where he and his wife are now living. They have three children, Mrs. Matney having a brother, Perry, and a sister, Bessie. Mr. and Mrs. Matney are members of the Little Flat Rock Christian Church and are Republicans. Mr. Matney is a Freemason.

JOHN T. BOWLES, a well-known member of the board of county commissioners and a man who by his own unaided efforts worked his way from a modest beginning to a position of affluence and influence in his community, now living retired at Mays, was born in Center township, this county, on September 19, 1854, and is the son of Joseph and Margaret J. (Clark) Bowles. These parents had five children, namely: William W., Albert W., Milton, John T. and Mrs. Viola Cothern, all living in Rush county, excepting the daughter, who lives at Pana, Ill. John T. Bowles attended the common schools in Center township and in Howard county, Indiana, to which latter

locality the family had moved in 1867. In 1869 the subject returned to Rush county and has lived in Center township continuously since excepting two years spent in Illinois. He has followed farming pursuits during all his active years. In 1882 he moved to Christian county, Illinois, and for two years operated a farm there. Returning to Center township, he rented a farm and operated on that basis until 1894, when he bought sixty acres of land, to the cultivation of which he devoted himself with such success that in 1906 he bought a lot in Mays, built a splendid home and has since lived there, having laid aside the labors of the farm, which he now has put into other hands. Mr. Bowles followed a general line of farming, in connection with which he also gave some attention to the raising of live stock, principally hogs. His farm is well improved and compares favorably with the best farms in this locality. In 1879 Mr. Bowles was married to Susan Johnson, the daughter of Evan and Elizabeth (Couch) Johnson, natives of North Carolina, and to this union three children were born, namely: Bertha, who was born in Center township on February 25, 1880, who in 1902 married Richard Miles, of Washington township, and who died on August 15, 1903; Earl, born on May 22, 1882, who died on October 21, 1883, and Raymond, also born in Center township, in 1884, who married Emma Brown and has two children, Vera E. and Mary Elizabeth. Mr. and Mrs. Bowles are earnest members of the Center Christian Church. Fraternally, Mr. Bowles is a member of the lodge of Free and Accepted Masons at Raleigh. Politically he has been a lifelong supporter of the Republican party and has always taken a deep interest in public affairs. In 1914 he was elected a member of the board of commissioners and so satisfactory was his discharge of his official duties that in 1918 he was re-elected to that office. A residence in this county of many years has but strengthened his hold on the hearts of the people with whom he has been associated and today no one here enjoys a larger circle of warm friends and acquaintances, who esteem him because of his sterling qualities of character and his business ability.

WILLIAM H. WILSON, who died at his farm home in Noble township in the fall of 1912, left a good memory in that community and throughout the county and it is but fitting that there should be carried in this definite history of the county some modest tribute to that memory. Mr. Wilson was a native son of the old Bluegrass state, born in Bourbon county, Kentucky, and was but eight years of age when he came to Indiana with his parents, Conrad and Margaret E. (Ewalt) Wilson, who established their home in Noble township, this county, and there spent the remainder of their lives, influential pioneers of that section. William H. Wilson grew to manhood on the home farm in Noble township, receiving his schooling in the local schools and in time became a farmer on his own account. He married Alice E. Logan, a member of one of the pioneer families of Rush county, and after his marriage established his home on a farm in Noble township, where he spent the remainder of

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his life, his death occuring there on October 12, 1912. Mr. Wilson had an excellent farm of 160 acres and in addition to his general farming had long given much attention to the raising of live stock, with special reference to pure bred Berkshire hogs and the old "Blue Bull" strain of horses, and was recognized as one of the leading stockmen of the county. To William H. and Alice E. (Logan) Wilson were born seven children, of whom six grew to maturity, Henrietta, Margaret E., J. Frank, Charles B., William H. (deceased) and Donald C. The mother of these children died on May 2, 1899. J. Frank Wilson, who continues to occupy the old home place in Noble township, was born on that place on July 29, 1873, and has lived there all his life. He received his schooling in the New Salem schools and from the days of his young manhood was a valued assistant to his father in the operations of the home farm. After his father's death in 1912 Mr. Wilson bought the interests of the other heirs in the homestead acres and has continued to reside there. He has eighty acres in the home place and in addition is farming an adjacent tract of 180 acres, thus controlling 260 acres. Mr. Wilson has long given special attention to the raising of pure bred Hampshire hogs and has been quite successful. He raises from 300 to 500 hogs annually, fattening about 200 for market, and has received in the East Buffalo market as much as 80 per cent. above the top market price for his stock. His pure bred stock for breeding purposes has wide recognition and he has won numerous prizes on his Hampshires in the big stock shows of the country. He had a car load of them at the East Buffalo show in 1920 and won third prize in the December show. Mr. Wilson is a Democrat. He and his wife are members of the Little Flat Rock Christian Church and he is a member of the Masonic order and of the Improved Order of Red Men. J. Frank Wilson married Sadie Brooks, daughter of Melvin and Alice Brooks, and has two children, Helen F. and Kenneth W. The Wilsons have a pleasant home and take a proper part in the community's general social activities. Charles B. Wilson was born on the farm in Noble township here referred to on May 28, 1877, second son of William H. and Alice E. (Logan) Wilson, and has always been a resident of Noble township. Upon completing his schooling he continued on the farm, helpful in the operations of the same, until his marriage in 1903 when, in partnership with his father and his brother, J. Frank Wilson, he bought the tract on which he is now living and there established his home. He presently bought the interests of his father and brother in that place, a tract of ninety-five acres, and later bought an adjoining tract of twenty acres, having now an excellent farm of 115 acres, which he devotes to general farming and live stock, feeding annually from 130 to 140 head of hogs. Since he has come into possession of this place Mr. Wilson has made numerous improvements of a substantial character and has a well equipped farm plant. He is a Democrat and he and his wife are

members of the Little Flat Rock Christian Church. In 1903 Charles B. Wilson was united in marriage to Blanche E. McKee, daughter of Robert and Lucy A. (McFall) McKee, and to this union have been born four children, Virgil F., Mildred Bernice, Charles McKee and Lois Jean. Of the seven children born to Mrs. Wilson's parents six are still living, those besides Mrs. Wilson being Della, Jane C., Eva, Donald C. and Kate. Mrs. Wilson was born in this county, as was her father, the McKees having been among the pioneers of Noble township. Her mother was but six years of age when she came with her parents to Rush county, the McFalls thus having long been represented in the county. Robert McKee grew up in this county and became a substantial farmer, both he and his wife spending their last days here.

AMOS H. BLACKLIDGE, who died in the summer of 1913, was one of the most popular men of Rush county in his day and for many years was a successful farmer of Rushville township. He was born in Union township, this county, March 9, 1865, son of Stephen Clinton and America (Amos) Blacklidge. He attended the Blacklidge school in Union township and the Graham select school at Rushville, and then took the two-year agricultural course at Purdue University. He was president of the literary society of the university and his class. While at Purdue he also was an active worker in the Young Men's Christian Association. His father had a large family and could not afford to send his children to college so Amos H. Blacklidge earned the money by clerking in a drygoods store at Rushville in the winter, and farmed in the summer until he had accumulated sufficient money to see him through. After he had completed his agricultural course he returned to the homestead and put his knowledge to practical use, farming with his father for a short time but that same summer bought sixteen acres located north of Rushville which was known as the Rush County Orphans' Home, and later bought the farm adjoining this property, known as the John F. Moses land. On October 23, 1901, Mr. Blacklidge married Leonora May Alexander and after his marriage moved to the sixteen-acre tract he had bought. He began farming on it and also operated a modern dairy having thirty-five imported cows of registered Jersey stock. He was a man of very progressive ideas and believed that the farmer could, if he so desired, make his life as happy, dignified and up-to-date as that of the city man, and he tried to imbue others with his enthusiasm with reference to rural conditions. For years he was one of the active members of the old Rush County Farmers Institute, and during all of that time served as one of the officials or a member of the program committee. To encourage and instruct others he wrote a number of articles on progressive farming which were published in agricultural journals of the period, and he received a number of prizes for these same articles, some of which were in money and others were equally valuable sets of books on agricultural subjects. On August 16, 1913, Mr. Blacklidge died very suddenly, dropping dead in the evening after having passed the day in strenuous work. He

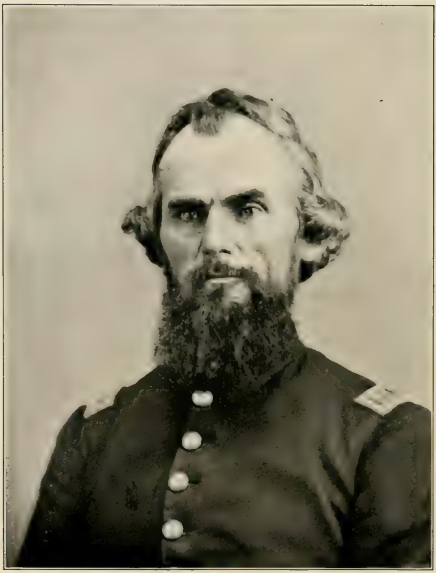
was a lover of his home and very devoted to his family composed of his wife and two children, William Clinton and Lawrence Amos, who are now attending school at Rushville, the elder being in high school. Mr. Blacklidge belonged to the Main Street Christian Church of Rushville, and for a number of years was one of its deacons. He was also a very active worker for the anti-saloon league, devoting much time and money to the cause, and would have rejoiced greatly had he been spared to see the ratification of the eighteenth amendment. Another public enterprise which received his support was the annual Chautauqua at Rushville of which he was always a guarantor. As a charter member of the Social Club of Rushville he assisted in organizing that association of congenial friends, and always enjoyed the meetings. From the day he cast his first vote Mr. Blacklidge supported the candidates of the Republican party, and while not an officeseeker, always was active in local affairs. A man of high, Christian character he lived according to his beliefs, and dying left behind him an influence for good which is still potent, and his memory is kept green by those who knew and loved him. His life was indeed a happy, progressive and dignified one.

EDGAR E. LOGAN, the proprietor of a splendidly improved farm of 160 acres in Richland township and an extensive feeder of hogs, was born in Richland township, this county, February 5, 1865, a son of James W. and Hester (Welman) Logan, also natives of Rush county. The paternal grandparents of Mr. Logan, James and Elizabeth Logan, were born in Scotland, but came to America and were married soon after their respective arrivals in Rush county, where they became early settlers of Noble township. Here they secured 160 acres of land, which Mr. Logan entered from the Government, and this locality was the scene of their subsequent careers. James W. Logan received a public school education and entered upon his active life as a farmer, a vocation to which he applied himself during the remainder of his life. He was successful because of his industry and good management and acquired 871 acres of land, although he disposed of a part of this prior to his death. He was a man of considerable influence in his community and was twice elected trustee of Richland township as recognization of his public spirit and personal integrity. He and his wife were the parents of three children, the subject of this sketch having two brothers, Thomas W., a well-known farmer and stock feeder of Richland township, and Jesse. To the old Clifton school in Richland township Edgar E. Logan is indebted for his educational advantages. After putting aside his studies the business of farming claimed his attention and for a time he was associated with his father in the cultivation of the home place, but when he was married he founded his home on a new property, the one on which he now lives. This 160-acre farm he secured from his father, at this time has 130 acres under cultivation. He feeds out from 100 to 200 hogs annually, and has made a definite success of all departments of his work. Mr. Logan has been responsible for all the improvements that now appear on his model country estate, where his buildings are

modern, his equipment substantial and throughout of the most up-to-date nature. In 1893 Mr. Logan was united in marriage with Amanda Ella Stark, daughter of Henry and Amanda Stark. Mr. and Mrs. Logan are members of the New Salem Methodist Protestant Church in which he has held all the lay offices. In politics he is a Democrat.

WILLIAM W. BARTON, whose death occurred on December 12, 1919, had long contributed to the general welfare of the Milroy community, both through the nature of his business and by reason of his personal participation in movements generated for development and betterment. For thirty-seven years he was engaged in the drug business at Milroy, and during that time so established himself in the confidence of the people that his death was considered a community loss. Mr. Barton was born at Milroy on September 30, 1855, a son of John C. and Nancy J. (Tompkins) Barton, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of Rush county. John C. Barton came to Rush county in pioneer days and first applied himself to farming, but later turned his attention to mercantile affairs, and for a number of years conducted a general mechandise store at Milroy. He was a man of high principles and was much esteemed in the community in which he reared his structure of business success. He and his wife were the parents of three children: Elizabeth, Thomas (who died in youth), and William W. William W. Barton, after securing his early schooling in the public schools of Milroy, pursued a course at Spiceland Academy, following this by attendance at a medical school at Louisville, Ky. His medical education was completed at the Indianapolis Medical College, following which he returned to Milroy, where he embarked in the drug business, choosing this line instead of following the medical profession. Mr. Barton devoted himself unswervingly to his business throughout the rest of his career, and at the time of his death, in 1919, had been identified with the same line and the same enterprise for thirty-seven years. During this long period the people had come to depend upon him unquestioningly and to accept his judgment and advice as final. From 1904 until his death Mr. Barton also had served as a member of the board of directors of the Milroy Bank. He made numerous friends both in his business and out of it, and enjoyed the companionship of his fellow men, being a member of the Masonic and Knights of Pythias lodges at Milroy. He was a stanch Republican and took an active interest in movements which he believed would beneficially affect the community welfare. As a churchman he adhered to the Methodist faith. On April 6, 1884, Mr. Barton was united in marriage to Viroqua Swain, who was born at Manilla, this county, and at the age of nine years was brought to Milroy by her parents. Her schooling was completed at Valparaiso University which she attended for two years. Mrs. Barton is a daughter of Franklin F. and Rebecca (Tackett) Swain, the former of Union county, Indiana, and the latter of Wayne county, this state. Mr. Swain, who was a

MR. AND MRS. W. W. BARTON



CAPT. FRANKLIN F. SWAIN
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merchant and miller by vocation, was the father of five children, of whom four are living: William E., W. Irving, Alfred A. and Viroqua. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Barton, Catherine, who married Claude R. Crane, who is engaged in the real estate business at Milroy, and Lillian, who married Clyde H. Hunter, who is engaged in the building material business at Chicago. Mrs. Lillian Hunter is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The Swains, who are of Quaker stock, are an old family in Rush county. Thomas Swain, grandfather of Mrs. Barton, built the old Swain mill in the southwest corner of Posey township which was for many years a landmark thereabout. His son, Franklin F. Swain, grew up to the milling business and was engaged in milling, his industries including plants at Milroy, Moscow and Manilla. When the Civil war broke out he enlisted his services in behalf of the cause of the Union and went to the front as captain of E Company, One Hundred and Twenty-third regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and was thus serving when during the siege of Atlanta, August 6, 1864, he received a mortal wound. He was removed to the hospital at Marietta, Ga., where he died on the following August 23.

J. A. SHELTON, farmer and stockman, who has substantial interests in both Rush and Shelby counties, was born in Posey township, this county, December 4, 1865, the only survivor of the family of two children born to his parents. They were Ralph and Lydia (Adams) Shelton, both natives also of Posey township, where the father owned 180 acres of land and spent the greater part of his life there as a farmer. J. A. Shelton remained on the home farm after his school days were over until his marriage, when he bought forty acres of land adjoining his father's property and afterward operated both farms. Ultimately he sold his forty acres and purchased 160 acres in Walker township, this county, and owns also a farm of 140 acres in Hendricks township, Shelby county. Mr. Shelton has always been a progressive farmer and stockraiser. In earlier years he gave careful attention to raising race horses, although he never trained them, and at one time or another, owned some notable animals, one of these being the famous "Baron Posey," a racehorse that made the record of 2:21¼. He is now interested mainly, however, in general farming and hog raising, growing the big-type Poland China hogs and shipping about 300 head annually. Whenever he has exhibited he has carried off honors. In 1918 he had the grand champion sow at the Indiana state fair, and in the following year at the same exposition had the champion boar, this animal standing third in the national swine show held at Des Moines, Ia., in 1919. On September 7, 1887, Mr. Shelton married Jennie Powell, who was born in Shelby county, Indiana, daughter of Lorenzo and Nancy (Holbrook) Powell, natives of Shelby county where Mr. Powell was a farmer. Of his seven children four are living, Carrie, Jennie, Joseph F. and Gertrude. Mr. and Mrs. Shelton have one son, Fred C., who

was born on August 2, 1893. After creditably completing the common school course and the high school course at Manilla, Fred C. Shelton attended the high school at Shelbyville for one year, following which he was graduated from the agricultural department of Purdue University. He served one year with the quartermaster's corps of the United States army during the time of America's participation in the World war and now, in partnership with his father, is operating the Shelby county farm and taking a great deal of interest in the same. Mr. Shelton has been quite active in Democratic politics and for six years served as trustee of Walker township, demonstrating in this office good judgment and public spirit at a time such important public improvements as the planning and erection of the fine schoolhouses at Manilla and Homer were brought about. Mr. Shelton is a charter member of the Modern Woodmen lodge at Manilla.

MONROE GLOSHEN, a well-known and substantial retired farmer of Anderson township now living at Milroy, where he has made his home since retiring from the farm in the fall of 1912 and where he and his family are very pleasantly situated, is a native of the neighboring county of Franklin, but has been a resident of Rush county many years, having come over here almost immediately after his marriage in his home county. He was born on a farm in Franklin county on November 7, 1857, son of Nicholas and Jennie (Jones) Gloshen, the latter of whom also was born in Franklin county, a member of one of the pioneer families there, and both of whom spent their last days there. Nicholas Gloshen was born in the state of New Jersey and as a young man came West, seeking the fortune which every ambitious young man in the East then believed was obtainable out here almost for the picking up. His parents were poor and unable to give him much assistance and of schooling he had practically none, his days in school having been confined to a period of but one week—six days of organized schooling in his life; but he possessed native elements of strength and determination and thus rightly decided that the then comparatively new country offered him larger advantages than were apparent in the East. Nicholas Gloshen was working in Franklin county when the big gold strike in California was announced and in 1849 he joined the rush to the New Eldorado. He remained there several years and then returned to Franklin county, having acquired a sufficient sum of money to enable him to buy a small farm in the place he had decided upon as a home. Having bought the farm he married and established his home on the place, remaining there the rest of his life. He did well with his farming and as his affairs prospered added to his land holdings until he became the owner of an excellent farm of 600 acres. He also was heavily interested in the timber business and was accounted one of the substantial men of the community in which he lived. He and his wife were the parents of eight children, five of whom are still living, Monroe Gloshen having two sisters, Sarah and Catherine and two brothers, George and Nicholas. Monroe Gloshen was reared on the home farm in Franklin county, receiving his schooling in the local schools, and as a young

man continued on the farm, helpful in the labors of developing the same, until after his marriage when he came over into Rush county and located in Anderson township, becoming engaged in farming on his own account. He presently added to his original land holdings in that township and now has an excellent farm of 198 acres, well improved, with two sets of buildings, all improvements on the place having been made by Mr. Gloshen, and the operations of which are being carried on in up-to-date fashion. In addition to his general farming Mr. Gloshen for years gave considerable attention to the raising of live stock and did well. In the fall of 1912 he retired from the active labors of the farm and moved to Milroy, where he and his family have a very pleasant home. It was in 1882 that Monroe Gloshen was united in marriage to Nancy Brook, who also was born in Franklin county, daughter of Nehemiah Brook, a member of one of the old families of that county, and to this union three daughters have been born, Elva, who died at the age of thirteen years; Stella, wife of Virgil Henry, and Elizabeth, widow of the late Carl Ralston, who died on April 18, 1920. Mr. and Mrs. Gloshen are members of the Methodist church and have ever taken an interested part in church work, as well as in all local movements having to do with the general good of the community. Mr. Gloshen is a Democrat and has taken a proper interest in local political affairs.

WILLIAM G. JONES, who is successfully engaged in farming in Noble township, is a worthy representative of the younger agricultural element of Rush county. Mr. Jones was born at Seven Mile, Ohio, November 15, 1874, a son of John C. and Susan H. (Gregg) Jones, and a grandson of Andrew and Harriette (Smith) Jones. Andrew Jones was a son of William Jones, the first of the family to settle in Wayne township, Butler county, at the same time his father, Henry Jones, became a settler in Custis township. Preble county, Ohio. William Jones, who was born in 1774, died in 1851. He became one of the leading men of Butler county and was at one time the owner of 2,300 acres of land. He was a native of North Carolina, as was his wife, Elizabeth Culbertson, and they were the parents of ten children, Andrew, Susan, Keziah, Amy, Jemima, John, Elizabeth, Sarah and Rebecca. John C. Jones was born at Hamilton, Ohio, where he grew to manhood. He later moved to Seven Mile and was there engaged in the stock business and for a number of years also was engaged in the coal and feed trade at Hamilton, Ohio, and was thus engaged during the remainder of his life. He died at Seven Mile when he was sixty-seven years of age. He and his wife, who was born in Butler county, Ohio, were the parents of four children: James A., Anna Maude, Charles and William G. William G. Jones received his education in the public schools of Seven Mile and a business college at Hamilton, after leaving which he engaged in the coal and feed business with his father. He remained in that line of enterprise at Hamilton, Ohio, until 1917, when he came to Rush county and located on a farm of 215 acres in Noble township, which he owns. He does general farming and stock raising, feeds out about 125 hogs

per year and represents the element which in any community, especially outside of the large cities, infuses spirit and zest into the activities of the place. Mr. Jones is a popular member of the Knights of Pythias and Fraternal Order of Eagles, at Hamilton, Ohio, and in politics is a Republican. He married, June 26, 1900, Nellie, daughter of Jacob H. and Elizabeth (Young) Shellenbarger, and to this union there has been born one child, John S., who is attending school. Mrs. Jones is a member of the Presbyterian church. She was born in Butler county, Ohio, where both of her parents were also born, and where her father was a general business man all his life and actively interested in banking. He died in Butler county in 1915, the father of six children, Harry, Albert Y., Jane E., Valora, Ruth and Nelle. Mr. Jones is an exceptionally enterprising young man and thoroughly competent in business and agricultural transactions. The honesty of his dealings is fully recognized by his fellow townsmen, and although his advent in Rush county is of recent date, he has already gained the confidence of those with whom he has been associated.

E. R. CASADY, of the E. R. Casady Company, one of the leading department stores of Rushville, is a native of Rush county, having been born in Posey township on July 9, 1879, the son of Weir and Sarah A. (Bebout) Casady, both of Rush county. Weir Casady was a son of Sampson Casady, who emigrated to this county from Ohio, to which state he had come from Virginia. He entered land in Rushville township, and by his energy and ability along business lines, became the owner of over 600 acres of fine land. He had an enviable military record, having served in the War of 1812 as a drummer boy, and under General Harrison in the Indian wars. His father, Thomas Casady, had served in the Colonial army from Virginia during the Revolution. Weir Casady grew to manhood on his father's farm, receiving his education in the schools of the county, and became recognized as one of the best stock men of the district, specializing in thoroughbred Poland China hogs and racing horses on his farm of eighty acres, continuing his farming operations until the time of his death in 1908. He and his wife were the parents of seven children, six of whom are now living: Alma, Julia, Mary, Sampson, Knowles, and E. R. It is rather a coincidence that there were seven children in the family of Weir Casady, as there had been a like number in the family of his father: William, Weir, Robert, John, Simon, Elizabeth and Margaret. E. R. Casady received his preliminary education in the common schools of the county, and then attended the Rushville high school, from which he was graduated with the class of 1898. Upon completing his schooling, he began his business career by clerking in the store of Winship & Payne, which was located in the same building that is now occupied by the E. R. Casady Company. After a short period of service with this firm, he clerked for Ralph Payne in the shoe business for about two years, when he and Ben Cox bought out the business. Later, Mr. Casady sold out his

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interests, and bought a partnership in the store of which he is now sole proprietor. This firm was known as Kennedy & Casady for four years, or until January 1, 1914, when it became the E. R. Casady Company, as it is today. The business grew, Mr. Casady enjoying the confidence of a large and profitable trade, and the quarters were enlarged to include another floor of the building. Mr. Casady was married to Ethel Readle, a daughter of John A. and Lillie (Emons) Readle, and to their union have been born four children, Phyllis, Readle, Mildred, and Catherine. Mr. Casady is a Mason, a Knight of Pythias and a member of the Rotary Club. He adheres to the policies of the Democratic party, of which he has always been a supporter, and is a communicant of the Christian church.

HENRY F. ADDISON, than whom no citizen of Posey township is better known or more highly esteemed, was born in that township on January 22, 1869, and is the son of Levi and Elizabeth (Stinger) Addison. Levi Addison was a farmer during all his active years, owning a farm of fifty-three acres. He and his wife were the parents of ten children, eight of whom are living, Samuel, Marshall, Thomas, Henry F., Savanna, Osa, Dora and Lillie. Henry F. Addison attended the Conaway school in Posey township and his youth was spent on the paternal farmstead. He remained with his parents until he had attained his majority, when he began working out by the month, continuing to be employed in this way for about eighteen months. After his marriage, in 1892, Mr. Addison began to farm on his own account, renting land for about twelve years, at the end of which period he bought eighty acres, comprising his present farm in Posey township. He conducts general farming operations and has met with splendid success, being numbered among the progressive and substantial agriculturists of his section of the county. Mr. Addison has been married twice, first in 1892 to Martha Hendricks. To this union were born two children, Sherman, a mechanic at Anderson, Ind., who married a Miss Tally, and Bessie, who became the wife of Gurney Earnest, a farmer in Ripley township, this county, and has one child, Kenneth. Mrs. Martha Addison died in 1900 and in 1904 Mr. Addison was married to Stella Wymond, a native of Fayette county, Indiana. To this union have been born two children, Grace and Bertha, both of whom are attending school. Mr. Addison is an ardent Democrat. Fraternally, he is a member of Beech Grove Lodge, No. 399, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Arlington. He is a member of the Christian church and gives his unreserved support to every worthy benevolent or charitable object or any movement calculated to advance the general welfare of the community in any way.

WILLIAM R. GARTIN, a well-known farmer of Jackson township, is a native son of the township in which he now lives and where his entire life has been passed. He was born on his father's farm in Jackson township on June 29, 1889, and is the son of Omer G. and Clara (Newkirk) Gartin, both of whom also were natives of Jackson township. The father has been a lifelong farmer and is now the

owner of 140 acres of land in Jackson township; however, he is now practically retired from active business affairs and is living in Rushville. To him and his wife were born two children, the subject of this review having a brother, Lowell C. William R. Gartin received his education in the Osborn school in Jackson township, after which he turned his attention to farming, working for his father until 1911, when he began farming for himself on fifty acres of land which he had inherited from his mother. He also rents sixty acres of his father's land. He carries on general farming operations and also raises all the hogs the farm will support. Systematic and practical in everything he does, his success has been marked and he has gained a good reputation as an enterprising and progressive farmer. On September 6, 1910, Mr. Gartin was married to Hollie Mock, who was born in Rush county and is the daughter of William H. and Dora (Shires) Mock. To Mr. and Mrs. Gartin was born a son, Vernon L., born on January 11, 1917, who died on May 15, 1920. Mr. and Mrs. Gartin are members of the Christian church at Rushville. Mr. Gartin is a Republican in his political views, while, fraternally, he is a member of Phoenix Lodge, No. 62, Free and Accepted Masons, and Franklin Lodge, No. 35, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Rushville. He has always taken a keen interest in everything pertaining to the welfare of his community and served two years as assistant county road superintendent.

JESSE M. POE, member of the firm of William B. Poe & Son, whose jewelry store on Main street is one of the well-known landmarks of Rushville, was born in that city on April 9, 1876, and is the son of William B. and Ruth F. (Carr) Poe, the former a native of Mason county, Kentucky, and the latter born and reared in Rush county. The Poe family was an old established one in the Blue Grass state. William B. Poe first went from Kentucky to Ohio, where he learned the trade of watchmaking, though he had previously begun his apprenticeship at Maysville, Kentucky, in October, 1858, receiving the princely wage of $50 a year. He was a young man when he arrived in Rushville and immediately established himself in business. Good workmanship and fair dealing brought him business and through the subsequent years he has enjoyed an enviable standing throughout Rush county. His first location was in the Melodeon Hall block, but in 1910 he located where he now is. Jesse M. Poe received his educational training in the public schools of Rushville and on completing his studies he entered a watchmakers' school at Peoria, Illinois, where he received the best possible training in the very important and intricate art of watchmaking and repairing. He then returned home and worked for his father for a time, and then was admitted to a partnership in the business, which has since been run under the firm style of Wm. B. Poe & Son. Mr. Poe is also a registered optometrist, optical work being a very important branch of their business. Courteous treatment, high-grade goods and right prices have been the elements which have contributed to the popularity of this firm, whose business covers a wide radius of surrounding country. Mr. Poe was married

to Ina F. Pugh, the daughter of Joseph and Caroline Pugh, and they have a daughter, Mary Louise, wife of Dr. T. L. Jones. Politically, Mr. Poe is a stanch Republican, while, fraternally, he is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, the Knights of Pythias, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Improved Order of Red Men. He and his wife are earnest members of the Methodist Episcopal church and he gives his unreserved support to every movement or enterprise for the advancement of the general welfare.

WILLIAM S. McKEE, who is a prominent figure among the native sons of Noble township who have applied themselves to the pursuits of agriculture and have found therein success in the community in which they were born, has passed his entire life in Noble township, where he was born on his father's farm, July 14, 1879, a son of Charles H. and Catherine (Simonson) McKee, the former a native of Rush county and the latter of Franklin county, Indiana. Mr. McKee is indebted to the country schools of Noble township for his educational training. After completing his studies he joined his father and brother, John McKee, in the cultivation of the home place, and when the father died, in July, 1904, the two sons took charge of operations and continued to work in partnership for about eight years. The association was mutually dissolved at the end of that time, and William S. McKee has since carried on operations on his own account. At this time his activities cover 240 acres, of which he is the owner of eighty-five acres. He carries on general farming and stock raising, feeding out about 300 head of hogs annually. Mr. McKee has done much work in the way of development and improvement, and it was he who installed all the present modern conveniences and equipment on his property, which now bears the stamp of proper management and progressive ideas. He is thorough, practical and energetic in carrying through his plans, and in business matters is known to be absolutely reliable. Mr. McKee married Charity Hoy, daughter of Lafayette Hoy, and to this union there have been born four children: Donald, Lowell, Geraldine and Lawrence. Mrs. McKee is a member of the Christian church, at Orange. In political matters Mr. McKee gives his support to the Republican party and has always stood for worthy civic movements tending toward progress. He is affiliated with the Masonic Lodge and the Red Men at Orange, in both of which orders he has numerous cordial friends.

FRANK McBRIDE, one of the leading business men of Mays, this county, who has by his enterprise and progressive methods contributed in a material way to the commercial advancement of his locality, is a native of Center township, where he was born on June 13, 1868, and he is the son of William J. and Nancy A. (Zion) McBride, both of whom also were born and reared in Rush county. The father followed farming throughout his active life, having been prospered in his efforts so that in 1858 he was able to purchase a farm of 192 acres. To him and wife were born nine children, of which number five are living, namely: Anna M., Luella, Selma, Charles and Frank. The subject of this review received his educational training in the

schools of Center township and after leaving school he devoted his attention to work on the home farm, remaining with his parents until his marriage, in 1890, when he took up farming on his own account, renting sixty-five acres of land, which he subsequently increased to eighty acres. He devoted himself closely to the operation of his land for fifteen years, and at the end of that time he moved to Mays and engaged in the grocery business. He has been eminently successful in this enterprise and enjoys a large trade, not only locally, but throughout the surrounding country. In 1890 Mr. McBride was married to Eva E. Young, also a native of Rush county, and to them have been born three children, Guy, Zula and Fern, all of whom are at home. Mr. and Mrs. McBride are earnest members of the Presbyterian church at Mays, to which they give generous support. Politically, Mr. McBride has been a lifelong supporter of the Democratic party and for the past six years he has served as postmaster of Mays, giving efficient service and to the satisfaction of all concerned. Personally, Mr. McBride is a man of unassuming manners, but genial and obliging, and he enjoys an enviable standing in the community honored by his citizenship.

OLIVER J. COOK, one of Rush county's native sons, whose energetic nature and laudable ambition have enabled him to conquer adverse conditions and advance steadily, until today he is numbered among the representative farmers of Richland township, was born in Noble township, this county, on July 4, 1865, and is the son of William and Susanna (Johnston) Cook, both of whom also were born and reared in Rush county. William Cook attended the common schools and completed his studies in the Fairview Academy. He then devoted his attention to farming his father's land, remaining at home until his marriage. At that time he moved to near Glenwood, where he remained but a short time, moving then to Hamilton county, Indiana, where he was engaged in farming for about four years. Returning then to Rush county, Mr. Cook located on land which he owned near Glenwood, which he operated until about 1893, when he retired from active business and moved to Rushville, where he lived until October, 1919, when, following the death of his wife, he went to live with his son, the subject of this review, with whom he still lives. Of the seven children who blessed the union of himself and wife, but two are now living, Oliver J. and Robert B. Oliver J. Cook attended the public school at Glenwood and from the time of his leaving school until the present he has continuously devoted himself to agricultural pursuits. Until 1892 he cultivated rented land, but in that year he bought the farm which he now owns in Richland township, his first purchase being 115½ acres, which he subsequently increased to 220 acres, all in Richland township. He actively pursued the cultivation of this land during the following years, but did not erect a house until 1910, since which time he has resided on the place. The improvements are all of an attractive style, the home

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being convenient and well arranged, the barns substantial and commodious, while the general appearance of the place indicates the owner to be a man of good taste and practical ideas. He carries on general farming operations and also gives considerable attention to the raising of live stock, specializing in the big type of pure bred Poland China hogs, of which he feeds from 400 to 500 annually. Mr. Cook was married to Orpha E. Beaver, daughter of John M. and Mary Beaver, and they are the parents of four children, Willard, Wallace, Emma and Mary Evelyn. Emma became the wife of Ray Compton and they had a child, Mary Estell. Mrs. Cook is a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Politically, Mr. Cook gives his support to the Democratic ticket, while, fraternally, he is a member of the Masonic order at Andersonville and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

ALVA E. NEWSOM, who is recognized as a progressive and energetic exponent of the most advanced methods of agriculture and who is carrying on extensive farming and stockraising operations in Ripley township, has passed his entire life in this county, having been born on his father's farm in that same township on July 12, 1866, a son of Jabez H. and Margaret (Cox) Newsom. Jabez H. Newsom was also born in Ripley township, where he passed his life in the successful cultivation of the soil. He was the owner of 160 acres of good land, and was likewise the possessor of a reputation for sound integrity and good citizenship. He and his worthy wife, who was a native of Washington county, Indiana, were the parents of eight children, of whom four are living: Oliver M., Anna J., Alva E. and Laura A. Alva E. Newsom was educated in Ripley township, where he attended what was known as the Stinger schoolhouse. He was but five years of age when his father died, and at the early age of thirteen years he began to assume a man's responsibility on the home farm, which he managed for his mother until the time of his marriage, after which, he rented the home place from his mother, this being a tract of eighty acres, in addition to which he rented 220 acres more land in the same community and devoted himself there to farming and stock raising for some ten years. After the death of his mother he bought the interest of the other heirs in the home place, and on this property has continued general farming and the raising of live stock. Industry and good management have combined to bring him success and he is justly accounted in his neighborhood as one of the most progressive of the agriculturists of Ripley township. At this time he is shipping on an average of between 100 and 125 hogs annually to the big markets. On December 10, 1890, Mr. Newsom was united in marriage to Virginia Alexander, who was born in Ripley township and was educated there, a daughter of Joseph W. and Sarah J. (Stinger) Alexander, natives of Ripley township, and the owners of 120 acres of land, on which they carried on operations all their lives. Mr. and Mrs. Alexander were the parents of six children, of whom four are living: Frank M., Laura A., Ola V. and Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Newsom have two children: Grace M., who married Frederick Sohn, a

traveling salesman living at Knightstown, Ind., where they hold membership in Friends church and has one child, Alvan; and Mazie, who married George Apple, a farmer of Ripley township, with no children. Mr. Newsom has always been ready to play his full part in discharging the duties of citizenship. In his political allegiance, he gives his support to the Republican party. With his wife and children he attends the Methodist church at Carthage.

NORMAL V. PATTERSON, a teacher in the New Salem high school, is a native son of the county in which he now lives, having been born in Richland township on June 13, 1872, and he is the son of Darius and Mary Irene Patterson. He received his elementary education in the common schools of Richland, completing his public school studies in the high school at Richland. He then attended Indiana University, where he took a general course and received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1895. He then engaged in teaching school in Franklin county, being employed one year in a country school, six years in the school at Laurel and three years in the high school at Brookville. Mr. Patterson then returned to Rush county and for four years he taught in the Richland school. He then quit teaching and for two years devoted his attention to the management and cultivation of his father's farm of 200 acres. He then located at Clarksburg and for two years taught in the school at Sandusky, following which he again returned to the home farm and remained there six years, operating 255 acres of land. He is still giving attention to the operation of this land, but in 1919 he accepted a position as teacher in the New Salem high school and is still filling that position. The farm is one of the best farms in this locality, being well improved in every respect and well adapted to general farming operations. Besides the raising of all the crops common to this locality, he gives some attention to live stock, feeding from one hundred and fifty to two hundred hogs a year. Mr. Patterson's work as an educator has gained for him much favorable comment. Of scholarly tastes and studious habits, he keeps abreast of the times in advanced educational methods and is ably filling the position he holds in the New Salem school. In 1899 Mr. Patterson was married to Lillie M. Cloud, the daughter of A. W. and Deborah Cloud, and they are the parents of seven children, Howard, Mary, Ruth, Stanley, Willard, Whitmer and Maurice. Mr. Patterson is a member of the Christian church and Mrs. Patterson is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, at Clarksburg. In his political views Mr. Patterson is an independent Democrat.

JOHN JACKMAN, a substantial farmer and dealer in live stock, now living at Milroy, was born in Rush county and has resided here all his life. He was born on a farm in Anderson township on July 10, 1873, son of Allen and Frances (Winship) Jackman, both of whom also were born in this county and further and fitting reference to whom is made elsewhere in this volume of biographies relating to the old families of Rush county. Reared on the home farm, John Jackman received his schooling at Milroy and from the days of his youth was

well trained in the ways of the farm. After his marriage he continued on the home farm for about five years, farming with his father, and then rented 170 acres of the home place, which he continues to operate besides operating an excellent farm of 135 acres of his own which he has acquired since his marriage, and is doing well in his operations, making his home at Milroy. In addition to his general farming Mr. Jackman has for years given considerable attention to the raising of live stock, feeding out about 200 head of hogs annually, and is also dealing quite extensively in mules, at present having about forty head, and is gradually extending his operations in that direction. On February 14, 1900, John Jackman was united in marriage to Mary Tompkins, who also was born in this county, daughter of Nathan E. and Louisa (Crosby) Tompkins, and to this union two sons have been born, Frank and Ned, both of whom are at home, valued assistants to their father in the latter's agricultural and live stock operations. The Jackmans have a pleasant home at Milroy and take a proper part in the community's general social activities. Mr. and Mrs. Jackman are members of the Christian church. In his political views Mr. Jackman is a Republican and fraternally he is affiliated with the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias and has been "through the chairs" in this lodge, in the affairs of which he has for years taken a warm and active interest.

FRANCIS H. McCOY, a well-known agriculturist of Jackson township, is one whose well-directed efforts have gained for him success and a position of desirable prominence in the locality honored by his residence, for he has so combined within him the elements of industry, perseverance and sound common sense that he has made a record of steady progression in his work. Mr. McCoy was born in Rushville township, this county, on October 26, 1863, and is the son of Thomas and Mary (Moran) McCoy, to whom more extended reference is made in the sketch of Joseph McCoy, elsewhere in this work. The subject received his educational training in the local public schools, mostly in the Concord school in Rushville township. On leaving school he applied himself to the work of the home farm, remaining with his father there until his marriage. He then rented from his father eighty acres of land in Jackson township, where he now lives, and has continued to cultivate it to the present time, having inherited the land at his father's death. He has made a number of permanent and substantial improvements on the place, including a new home and garage, and keeps the place in the best of repair, the general appearance of the place indicating the owner to be a man of taste and good judgment. He carries on general farming and also raises about 120 hogs each year. On February 27, 1900, Mr. McCoy was united in marriage with Marie A. Schetgen, who was born in Jennings county, Indiana, but was reared and educated in Hamilton county, Ohio. She is the daughter of Peter and Mary (Kirchner) Schetgen. Mr. and Mrs. McCoy are the parents of nine children, all of whom are living, namely: Mary E., Francis L., Margaret E., Thomas W., Lena K., Harry A., Walter J., Charles and Hugh. All of these children are unmarried and at

home. Mr. and Mrs. McCoy are members of the Catholic church at Rushville, and Mr. McCoy is a member of the Rushville Council of the Knights of Columbus. Politically, he gives his support to the Democratic party and takes an intelligent interest in the course of public events, ever giving his support to every movement for the general welfare. Genial and obliging, he enjoys the friendship and good will of all who know him.

EDWARD DOLAN, one of the substantial farmers and landowners of Union township, is not one of Rush county's native sons, but he has resided here since the days of his young manhood and has developed an excellent piece of property here, long having been regarded as one of the leading farmers and stockmen of his community. He was born in Dearborn county, this state, September 14, 1864, son of Patrick and Emma (Briggs) Dolan, the latter of whom was born in that same county, a member of one of the pioneer families there. The late Patrick Dolan, whose last days were spent in Rush county, where he had resided for many years, was born in Ireland and was but a lad when he came to this country with his parents, the family coming on out to Indiana and locating in Dearborn county. There he grew to manhood, married and became engaged in farming, remaining there until about 1875 when he came over into Fayette county where he lived on a rented farm until 1880, in which year he moved over into Rush county and rented a farm here, on this latter place spending the rest of his life, a resident of this county for about thirty years. Patrick Dolan and wife were the parents of twelve children, all of whom save one, Cora, are living, those besides the subject of this sketch being Thomas, Elizabeth, Ellen, John, Charles, Anna, Roy, Kate, Glenn and William. Edward Dolan completed his schooling in Fayette county, having been but a lad when his parents moved to that county from Dearborn county, and after leaving school he went west and for three years worked as a farm hand in Nebraska. He then rejoined the family in Rush county and after coming here was engaged as a farm hand for about six years, at the end of which time he rented an eighty-acre farm, in the meantime having married, and on that place made his home for seven years. He then bought a tract of 120 acres in Union township and on that place resided until 1910, when he bought the farm of 114 acres on which he is now living in that same township. In addition to these tracts Mr. Dolan has other farms, being now the owner of 430 acres in Rush and Fayette counties besides a quarter of a section of land in Nebraska. In addition to his general farming Mr. Dolan has for years given considerable attention to the raising of live stock and feeds out from 300 to 400 head of hogs a year. He has four sets of buildings on his land and his operations are carried on on quite an extensive scale. In his political views Mr. Dolan is a Democrat. Mrs. Dolan is a member of the Fairview Christian church. The Dolans have a very pleasant home on rural mail route No. 1

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out of Glenwood. On October 7, 1888, Edward Dolan was united in marriage to Alma Saxon, who was born in the neighboring county of Fayette, and to this union five children have been born, Verne, Gertrude, Clarence (deceased) and Nina (deceased), and one who died in infancy. Verne Dolan married Beatrice Dunham and has four children, Edna, Zelma, Xen and Marjorie. Gertrude Dolan married Albert Dickey and has two children, Thelma and Max. As noted above, Mrs. Dolan was born in Fayette county, which also was the birthplace of her parents, Robert and Mary Ann (Nichols) Saxon, the latter born in Fairview township. Robert Saxon, who is the owner of a 240-acre farm in Fayette county, has been a farmer there all his life. He has been married twice and by his first wife had three children, those besides Mrs. Dolan being Leroy and Mollie. By his marriage to Mary Lovejoy he has had six children, five of whom are living, Gillespie, Daisy, Phoebe, Alfred and Robert.

EARL M. TWEEDY, one of the strong, sturdy characters who has contributed largely to the welfare of the community where he lives and a well known farmer of Posey township, this county, was born in the neighboring county of Henry on the third day of July, 1870, and is the son of James and Elizabeth (Stinger) Tweedy, the former a native of Rush county and the latter of Hancock county, Indiana. James Tweedy was reared and educated in his native community and followed the trade of a carpenter throughout his active life. To him and his wife were born five children, four of whom are living, Jesse F., Otis A., Philip W. and Earl M., and one, Mrs. Effie McDougal, who died at the age of forty-seven years. The subject of this review attended school in his native county and on completing his studies he turned his attention to the carpenter trade, which he followed for about fifteen years. Mr. Tweedy then turned his attention to farming and for about three years he operated rented land. He then bought sixty acres of land in Posey township, Rush county, and lived there for eight years. He then sold that place and bought his present farm, comprising 100 acres of land in Posey township, and he devoted his energies indefatigably to the operation of this farm, in which he has been very successful. He has made many important improvements, remodeling and repairing the buildings, which are comfortably and conveniently arranged, the entire property presenting a very attractive appearance. Mr. Tweedy carries on general farming and stock raising, feeding and sending to market from 100 to 150 hogs annually. On June 29, 1899, Mr. Tweedy was married to Nellie C. Leisure, a native of Posey township, and the daughter of William and Caroline (Powell) Leisure, who were both natives of Rush county, where Mr. Leisure followed the vocation of farming. Of their four children, Mrs. Tweedy is the only one living. To Mr. and Mrs. Tweedy were born three children, Donald, deceased, Lowell B. and Alta C. Mr. and Mrs. Tweedy are members of the Methodist Episcopal and Christian churches respectively. Fraternally, he is a member of Lodge No. 255, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at

Carthage, of which he is a past noble grand, having "passed through the chairs." Politically, he is a stanch supporter of the Democratic party. Personally, Mr. Tweedy is a man of kindly manner and genial disposition and enjoys a host of warm personal friends throughout the section of the county where he lives.

JESSE MURPHY, owner of a well-cultivated farm in Noble township and a man who has exercised a helpful influence for progress and good citizenship, was born on the farm which he now occupies, November 7, 1865, a son of John and Anna (McCrory) Murphy, and a grandson of Jesse Murphy. John Murphy was a child when brought to Rush county by his parents, from his native Butler county (Ohio), and he was educated and reared in Union township. There he engaged in farming upon reaching his majority, but some time after his marriage to Anna McCrory, a native of Fayette county, moved to Noble township, where he purchased a farm. He was a man of industry, good judgment and able management and succeeded in the accumulation of 232 acres of land, which he devoted to general farming and stock feeding. He and his wife were the parents of eight children, of whom five are now living, George, Charles, Jesse, Roy and Ida May. Jesse Murphy received his education in the public schools of Noble township, and upon the completion of his schooling began to farm on the home place. He remained with his mother after his father's death, and was married at the age of twenty-four years, following which he continued to center his activities in the operation of the home property. When the estate was divided, following the death of his mother, he received his share, and also farmed considerable land in addition, but during the past three years his property has consisted of forty-two acres, on which he has successfully applied himself to the growing of grain and the feeding and shipping of cattle and hogs. Of the latter he generally feeds out from fifty to sixty annually. Mr. Murphy is a Republican in his political allegiance. In 1890 he married Clara, daughter of Joseph and Emily Horton. She died in 1913, leaving one daughter, Hazel, who married Ernest Applegate.

WILBUR STIERS, cashier of the Rushville National Bank, is a member of one of the old families of this county and has ever held the county's best interests closely to heart. For more than twenty years actively engaged in the banking business in Rushville Mr. Stiers has gained a knowledge and a comprehension of the general commercial, industrial and economic conditions of this community second to none and during that time has done much to promote these interests, helpful in many ways in advancing the cause of sound and healthy investment and enterprise hereabout. Starting in his youth to acquire a knowledge of banking methods and procedure, Mr. Stiers applied himself diligently and thoughtfully and step by step was advanced in the bank's service until before he was thirty-five years of age he was made cashier of the institution to the interests of which from the very beginning of his connection he had given his most studious and punctilious attention, and has since done much to

further those interests. Mr. Stiers was born on a farm in Anderson township, this county, July 4, 1879, son of John M. and Mary Frances (Morgan) Stiers, both of whom also were born in this county, members of pioneer families, the latter of whom died on February 5, 1910, and the former of whom is still living at Rushville. John M. Stiers was born on a farm and all his life has been interested in farm development. Following his marriage he established his home on a farm in Anderson township, later acquired a farm in Noble township and continued actively engaged in farming until his retirement and removal to Rushville, where he now resides. Since taking up his residence in Rushville, however, Mr. Stiers has not wholly relinquished his interest in farming and not long after moving there bought a farm in Rushville township and to the operations of this piece of property gives his active oversight. He has four children, the subject of this sketch having three sisters, Stella, Effie and Chessie. Reared on the home farm in Noble township, Wilbur Stiers was graduated from the New Salem high school in 1897. For two years thereafter he attended a business college at Indianapolis and in 1899 was taken into the Rushville National Bank as a bookkeeper. By close application to the duties in hand he showed himself worthy of promotion and in 1911 was made second assistant cashier of the bank and in 1913 the board of directors of the bank elected him to the responsible position of cashier of the bank, which position he since has held, one of the best known bankers in this part of the state. In October, 1911, Wilbur Stiers was united in marriage to Mae Bebout, daughter of William J. Bebout, of Rushville, and to this union have been born two children, Elinor and Evan. Mr. and Mrs. Stiers are members of the Christian church and Mr. Stiers has served as a member of the diaconate of the local congregation. Mr. Stiers is a Knights Templar Mason, affiliated with the local lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, at Rushville, and with the Commandery. Politically, he is a Democrat and has ever given a good citizen's attention to local civic affairs.

MILTON W. OSBORN, manager of the plant of the Pinnell-Tompkins Lumber Company at Mays, this county, is a native son of the Hoosier state, having been born in Franklin county on June 21, 1859, and he is the son of James T. and Elizabeth (Sutton) Osborn, both of whom were born and reared in Franklin county. James T. Osborn was a veteran of the Civil war, having enlisted as a private in the Sixty-eighth regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, with which he served over three years, taking part in a number of the most important battles of that great conflict, including those of Stone Mountain, Chickamauga and Cumberland Gap. After the close of the war, he returned to Franklin county and was engaged in farming for about ten years. He then worked at the carpenter trade for a few years, and then purchased a general store at Buena Vista, Franklin county, becoming also postmaster at that place. To him and his wife were born eight children. The subject of this sketch received his educational training in the common schools of Franklin county and after

leaving school he was employed as a farm hand up to the time of his marriage. He then moved to Connersville, where he lived until 1896, when he moved to a farm of 145 acres, which he operated for about four years. In 1901 he moved to Mays and engaged in carpentering and contracting, in which he has met with pronounced success, being now one of the largest contractors in Rush county. He has done a great deal of construction work and enjoys an enviable reputation because of the high quality of his work and his fair dealing. In 1918 Mr. Osborn became manager of the Pinnell-Tompkins Lumber Company at Mays and is still holding that position. Mr. Osborn was married to Margaret A. Evans, a native of Decatur county, Indiana, and they have had three children, namely: Myrta, who became the wife of Berry Rush, of Mays, and they have two children, Elmyra and Russell; Maude became the wife of Fred Jackson, of Washington township, and they have five children William, Byron, Morris, Thelma and Luella; Glodys, who was born in 1888 at Connersville, received her education in the schools of that city and at Mays. She became the wife of P. H. Kirkpatrick, of Center township, and they had two children, John W. and Floretta. The mother of these children died in December, 1918, of influenza. Politically, Mr. Osborn is an active supporter of the Republican party, while, fraternally, he is a member of the Improved Order of Red Men. He is a man of kindly manner and generous impulses, keenly alive to the best interests of the community and stands high in the esteem of the community.

THEODORE F. HOLDEN, one of the worthy native sons of Rush county and a progressive farmer of Noble township, but now practically retired from active work, is the peer of any of his fellows in the qualities that constitute correct manhood and good citizenship and is therefore eminently worthy of representation in a work of this character. Mr. Holden was born on February 28, 1863, in the township where he now lives, and is the son of James T. and Lucinda Jane (Hunt) Holden, both of whom were natives of Rush county. The subject's paternal grandparents were Reuben and Frances (Talbott) Holden, natives of Kentucky, whence they emigrated, in 1827, to Rush county, Indiana, where they established a homestead and spent the remainder of their lives. James T. Holden was reared in the Noble township home and secured a limited education in the common schools of that early period. He then obtained employment as a farm hand, but later for a number of years he operated rented land. He was energetic and a good manager, so that eventually he was enabled to buy land of his own, his first purchase of eighty acres being increased to 137 acres, on which he made his home up to the time of his death, which occurred on November 6, 1909. His wife had died on February 13, 1908. They became the parents of seven children, of whom five are now living, namely: William T., Flora A., C. Cade, Theodore F. and Ellen. Theodore F. Holden received his educational training in the common schools of his home neighborhood and then

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turned his attention to the work of the home farm, on which he has spent practically his entire life. For many years he was an active agriculturist, giving his attention to general farming and he met with splendid success, so that he was enabled to lay aside the actual details of farm work and is now enjoying that rest which former years of labor entitle him to. He is the owner of 125 acres of well improved land, with substantial and well-arranged buildings, all of which he now rents out. Mr. Holden gives stanch support to the Democratic party. He is a member of the Little Flat Rock Christian Church. A man of genial personality and genuine worth, he has long enjoyed the sincere regard and loyal esteem of all who know him. Mr. Holden gives his thoughtful attention to local civic affairs, and to general movements having to do with the betterment of conditions in his home county. He has held a commission as notary public since 1908, and in 1920 was the census enumerator for Noble township.

ARTHUR BRADEN, whose excellent farm is located in Ripley township, Rush county, was born in Scott county, Kentucky, on the 26th day of December, 1862, and he is the son of Harvey and Dorcas (Powell) Braden, both of whom were born and reared in Kentucky. The father, who followed farming during the most of his active years in the Blue Grass state, came to Rush county in 1878. To him and his wife were born twelve children, of which number seven are living, namely: Wyatt, James, Tison, Irvin, Arthur, Hallie and Lillie. Arthur Braden received his educational training in the schools of Scott county, Kentucky, and Rush county, Indiana. After leaving school he turned his attention to farming, remaining on the home farm until 1886, when he went over into Fayette county, and began farming on his own account on rented land. Two years later he went to Muncie, Ind., where he was employed by a glass factory as a straw buyer. After being engaged in that work for one year, Mr. Braden went to Scott county, Kentucky, and for two years was engaged in farming there. Then, his wife having died, he returned to Rush county and worked as a farm hand. Subsequently he again married and on the death of his father-in-law he and his wife moved on the place with Mrs. Braden's mother, where they continued until her death, October 29, 1909, when Mrs. Braden inherited the farm, comprising 120 acres, where they now live. The farm is well equipped and improved in every respect, and here Mr. Braden is successfully carrying on general farming, and also gives considerable attention to stock raising, being one of the largest hog raisers in Rush county. He is energetic and progressive in his methods and has merited the reputation as one of the best farmers in his community. Mr. Braden has been twice married, first on September 9, 1886, to Belle Hardy, who was born in Scott county, Kentucky, the daughter of George and Rebecca (Jarvis) Hardy. This union was blessed by one child, Alma D., born on May 17, 1888, who became the wife of Albert J. Fields, an attorney at Bedford, Ind., and they have two children, Mary E. and Elizabeth. On June 9, 1890, Mr. Braden was married to Minnie

A. McCarty, who was born on December 1, 1865, in Rush county, where she was reared and educated. She is the daughter of John and Catherine (Rhoeds) McCarty. John McCarty was born in Lincoln county, North Carolina, March 14, 1816. When but four years of age he was taken to Champaign county, Ohio, by his parents, who settled on a tract of woodland. Three years later the mother died and seven years later the father remarried. In about 1833 the parents came to Indiana and settled in Rush county, where the father spent the remainder of his life, dying when eighty-three years of age. John McCarty remained in Ohio a short time after the removal of his parents, but in 1835 he likewise came to Rush county and here he too spent the remainder of his days. He was twice married. On December 24, 1836, he married Eliza Siller, who was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, on February 2, 1818. She died on December 14, 1863, and on February 1, 1865, Mr. McCarty married Catherine Rhoeds, who was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, on October 10, 1828, the daughter of George and Sarah (Ruby) Rhoeds. When John McCarty was first married his only capital was a pair of willing hands and a courageous determination to succeed, and so energetic and persistent were his efforts that he succeeded in accumulating an estate of 120 acres of fine land in Rush county. His wife also owned forty acres of land in the same township. John McCarty died on December 22, 1895. Arthur Braden is a Democrat in his political predilections and he is a member of Knightstown Lodge, No. 266, Knights of Pythias, at Knightstown. He is a member of the Baptist church, and Mrs. Braden is a member of the Christian church. Personally, Mr. Braden is a man of genial manner, obliging disposition and public spirited in his attitude towards all movements for the advancement of the general welfare.

CHARLES H. FOUST, one of the substantial agriculturists and leading citizens of Ripley township, was born in that township, January 22, 1858, a son of Henry and Rachel M. (Isgreeg) Foust. Henry Foust was born in Pennsylvania and as a young man came to Rush county, where he met and married Miss Isgreeg, a native of Ripley county. They spent the rest of their lives in Ripley township, where the father accumulated some 400 acres of land before his comparatively early death when but forty-eight years of age. He was a man of great industry and native ability, and in his community was held in high esteem because of his high principles and strict integrity in matters of a business nature. He and his worthy wife were the parents of nine children, of whom five are living, Margaret, Josephine, Lucy, Columbus and Charles H. Charles H. Foust was educated in the public schools of Ripley township, where he attended the Stinger schoolhouse, and upon the completion of his studies began farming on the home place with his father. At the time of his marriage Mr. Foust built a house for himself and bride on the home farm and resided therein for some ten years. His mother then becoming enfeebled by the ill health of advanced age, Mr. Foust and his wife moved to her home and cared for her until her death. Since then Mr.

Foust has continued to carry on general farming and stock raising operations on this land, which he has brought to a high state of productiveness. His crops are large and each year he ships about fifty head of hogs to the big markets. June 27, 1883, Mr. Foust married Mary Dieter, who was born in Adams county, Ohio, and resided there until her eighth year, when following the death of her father she was taken by her mother to Hancock county, Indiana, where she received her education in the public schools. Her parents were John C. and Mary J. (Smith) Dieter, the former a native of Strausburg, Germany, and the latter of Adams county, Ohio. Mr. Dieter immigrated to the United States in young manhood and followed farming in Adams county, Ohio, until his early death. He and his wife were the parents of six children, of whom three are living, John, Florence and Mary J. Mr. and Mrs. Foust have one son, Russell E., who was born on September 18, 1891, and was educated in the public schools of Carthage, since which time he has been assisting his father in the work of the home farm. He married Louva Roberts, of Carthage, and they have one child, Edna G., born on August 7, 1914. The family belongs to the Methodist church at Carthage, and the Fousts are Republicans in their political allegiance.

RUSH W. TOMPKINS, proprietor of the leading general store at Milroy, and well and favorably known to the citizens of that thriving little city where he has resided all his life, was born at Milroy on June 6, 1876, a son of Nathan E. and Louisa (Crosby) Tompkins, both natives of Rush county. Nathan E. Tompkins was reared at Milroy, where he adopted a business career and was for many years a merchant at that place. He was known to the people of his community as a man of the highest integrity and strictest business honor, and also won respect and esteem by reason of his neighborliness and good citizenship. He and his wife were the parents of three children, Edward F., Mary C. and Rush W. Rush W. Tompkins completed high school of Milroy, after leaving which he became associated with his father in the conduct of the store. At the end of six years, in 1901, he and his brother, Edward F. Tompkins, bought out the father and continued the business at the same location for eleven years, at the end of which time they moved it to its present location. This is a modern establishment, and the leading general store of Milroy. A wide and well-chosen assortment of goods is carried and the industry and unfailing courtesy of the proprietors have combined to swell the trade and to make the business a flourishing one. Rush W. Tompkins is a stalwart Republican in his political views, and his religious relationship is with the Methodist church of Milroy. On January 23, 1902, he was united in marriage with Mary B. Winship, who was born in Rush county and who attended school at Richland. She is a daughter of William H. and Alice (Anderson) Winship, who passed their lives in farming in Rush county, where they accumulated 160 acres of land. They had three children, Lavone, Mary B. and Vera. Mr. and Mrs. Tompkins have one child, Alice Maurine, who was graduated with the class of 1921, Milroy high school.

JOSEPH FEY, one of the up-to-date farmers and stock raisers of Richland township, who has worked hard for what he now possesses and who among those who know him best bears a reputation for sound judgment, exercising the duties of citizenship in a conscientious manner, was born in Franklin county, Indiana, on June 7, 1872, and is the son of Adam and Sophia (Kutzendoffer) Fey, both of whom were born in Germany. Adam Fey came to the United States in young manhood and located in Franklin county, where his marriage occurred. He followed farming as a vocation, in which he was successful and became the owner of 120 acres of land. When he bought the land it was covered with timber, which he cleared off and broke the soil to cultivation. He improved the farm in every needful respect and made of it a good farm. To him and his wife eight children were born, namely: John, Benia, Andrew, Joseph, Edward, Albert, Mary and Carrie, Joseph being the only member of the family living in Rush county. Joseph Fey attended the schools of Franklin county, and on completing his studies obtained employment as a farm hand, his first pay being at the rate of $8 a month. He also clerked some in a store and as farmer and clerk he was employed until he was twenty-five years of age, when he rented a farm with his brother Andrew for two years in Franklin county. He then returned to the old home farm, which he operated until he was thirty years old. During the following two years Mr. Fey rented a farm of 143 acres in Franklin and Rush counties, and at the end of that time returned to Franklin county, and for six years operated a rented farm of 133 acres. Then for five years he operated 160 acres of land in Rush county. In 1914 Mr. Fey bought 112 acres, comprising his present farm, and here he has given his efforts to make the farm one of the best in the locality, in which effort he has been notably successful. He keeps the farm well improved and carries on general farming and stock raising, feeding about a carload of cattle every year. Mr. Fey was married to Ella Marlin, the daughter of John and Caroline Marlin. Politically he gives his support to the Republican party, and in everything pertaining to the welfare of the community is deeply interested.

ALVA NEWHOUSE, trustee of Jackson township, one of the substantial farmers and leading citizens of that township and recognized as one of the representative men of Rush county, was born in Jackson township on May 30, 1867, and is a son of George L. and Mary S. (Downey) Newhouse. These parents were both born, reared and educated in Rush county, and here Mr. Newhouse followed agricultural pursuits all his life, mostly in Jackson township, where he owned a home of twelve acres. To him and his wife were born two children, the subject of this sketch and a sister, Elizabeth. Alva Newhouse attended the district schools of his home community, and then spent a year at the normal school at Lebanon, Ohio. During the following five years he was engaged in teaching school in Jackson

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township, presiding over the Downey, Norris and David schools. Mr. Newhouse then turned his attention to farming and for a time was engaged in the cultivation of rented land in Jackson township, but eventually he bought the place where he now lives in Jackson township, and which comprises ninety-one acres of fine, tillable land, and he also cultivates 120 acres of land which his wife owns. He carries on general farming and stock raising and has met with a satisfactory measure of success. His place is well improved and its general appearance indicates the owner to be a man of good taste and sound judgment. On the 2d day of November, 1893, Mr. Newhouse was married to Audit P. Gartin, a native of Jackson township and the daughter of John G. and Arkansas (Porter) Gartin, and they are the parents of two children, Elsie, who is the wife of John Ellison, a farmer in Center township, this county, and Herschel, who is unmarried and lives at home. Politically, Mr. Newhouse is a strong supporter of the Republican party and is the present efficient trustee of Jackson township. He and his wife are earnest members of the Hannegan Christian Church and give their support to every worthy benevolent movement or other enterprise for the advancement of the best interests of the community.

WILLIAM RUSH LEE. In the death of William Rush Lee, Posey township, this county, lost one of its most valued citizens. Practically his entire life was spent here and during that period he took an active part in the general progress of the county. He took an intelligent interest in public affairs and gave his support to those movements which promised to promote the general welfare. Mr. Lee was a native son of Rush county, having been born in Posey township on the 24th day of August, 1875, and he was the son of William H. and Catherine (Nelson) Lee. He received his elementary education in the common schools of his home neighborhood, and later attended two terms at the normal school at Danville, Ind., becoming a symmetrically educated man and possessing a wide fund of general information. On completing his studies he turned his attention to agriculture, working on the home farm until 1895, when he began to cultivate it on his own account. After his marriage, in 1899, Mr. Lee moved onto another farm owned by his father, and there continued to reside up to the time of his death with the exception of two years' residence in Arlington. He was the owner of ninety acres of land, a part of which he inherited, and here he successfully carried on general farming and stock raising. He was up-to-date and progressive in his ideas and methods and was held in high regard by his fellow agriculturists. On August 9, 1899, Mr. Lee was married to Lorena Payne, who was born in Rushville township, Rush county, the daughter of Alvin and Martha (Megee) Payne, both of whom were also natives of Rush county, where Mr. Payne followed the vocation of farming all his active life. To Mr. and Mrs. Lee was born a daughter, Alta May, born on June 3, 1901, who was graduated from the Arlington high school with the class of 1919. Politically, Mr. Lee gave his support to the Republican party, while, fraternally, he was a

member of the Modern Woodman of America, at Rushville. He was an earnest member of the Christian church at Arlington and gave his unreserved support to every worthy benevolent or charitable movement. Personally, he was genial and companionable and he enjoyed to a marked degree the friendship and good will of the entire community in which he had spent his life.

JOHN T. REED, an enterprising farmer and substantial citizen of Rush county, who has resided for a number of years in Noble township, is a native son of the old Blue Grass state, having been born in Bracken county, Kentucky, on December 23, 1869. His parents, John S. and Minerva (Hamilton) Reed, were also natives of that state, the former having been born in Mason county and the latter in Bracken county. John S. Reed was reared to manhood and educated in Mason county, but about the time of attaining his majority he located in Bracken county, of which he was a resident during the remainder of his life. He followed the pursuit of agriculture, in which he was successful. He died in 1907 and his wife passed away in 1910. They were the parents of two children, William W. and John T. John T. Reed was reared under the parental roof and secured his education in the common schools of Bracken county. On leaving school he went to Petra, Ky., and engaged in the mercantile business, in which he was successfully engaged for twenty-four years. He then disposed of his interests there and came to Indiana, in December, 1914. Locating in Noble township, Rush county, he first bought 122 acres of land, which he has since increased to 162 acres. The place is well improved and here Mr. Reed carries on general farming operations and stock raising. He usually plants about fifty acres to corn and the same amount to small grain, and he also devotes considerable attention to live stock, feeding about 150 hogs annually. Mr. Reed is practical in his methods and a good manager of his business interests, having attained a gratifying measure of success as a farmer. Mr. Reed was married to May M. Henry, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Henry, and they have one child, Helen Irene. After the death of his first wife, Mr. Reed was again married, Nelle Blanche (Mingle) Ruff, the daughter of Cornelius Mingle, becoming his wife. Politically, Mr. Reed gives his support to the Republican party, while his fraternal relations are with the Free and Accepted Masons, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Improved Order of Red Men and the Haymakers. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

EARL F. PRIEST. Rush county has been singularly fortunate in securing for its public officials men of intelligence, ability and public spirit, who are governing its affairs in conscientious and capable manner and whose services have contributed materially to the county's welfare and development. Among these men is Earl F. Priest, county assessor, and a member of a family which has been well and favorably known in the county since pioneer days. Mr. Priest was born on May 30, 1876, in Anderson township, Rush county, a son of Ezekiel and Margaret S. (Hilligoss) Priest, natives of

the same county. His grandfather, David Priest, was born in Kentucky, and as a young man migrated to Rush county and became one of the earliest settlers of Anderson township, where he passed the rest of his life in agricultural pursuits and established an excellent record for farming industry and good citizenship. Ezekiel Priest, after a public school education, entered upon his career as a farmer and stock buyer, callings which he followed throughout his life. He was the owner of a farm of eighty acres, and was widely known in this section as he bought stock all over the county. He died, highly respected, July 9, 1913. His wife had passed away on April 20, 1899. The only child of his parents, Earl F. Priest received his education in the public schools of Rushville and at Graham Academy, and as a youth took up farming on the home place. In addition to the home farm of eighty acres, he rented other land in the community, and general farming and stock feeding have formed his principal activities, Mr. Priest shipping about two cars of hogs to the markets each year. His operations have resulted successfully, and he is rightly accounted one of the substantial men of his locality. Mr. Priest has always taken an interest in public affairs and interested himself in civic movements. In 1914 he was the choice of his fellow-citizens for the post of assessor of Rushville township, and so capably did he discharge the duties of this position that in 1918 he was elected assessor of Rush county, a post which he retains. His record in this office has been a splendid one and his fellow-citizens have had no reason to regret of their choice. He is a stanch Republican in his political views, and as a fraternalist holds membership in the Knights of Pythias, the Improved Order of Red Men and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He has been a member of the Christian church since 1901. On December 1, 1897, Mr. Priest married Mary, daughter of Frank Cameron, of Rush county, and to this union there have been born four children, Donald, Lucile T., Loren and Earl Frank, Jr.

BERRY RUSH, a well known building contractor at Mays, this county, was born in Union township, Rush county, on the 11th day of September, 1880, and is the son of Alonzo M. and Elmyra (Moffett) Rush. Alonzo M. Rush was also born and reared in Union township and received his education in the Fairview Academy. He then spent several years in the West, mainly with the object of seeing the country, and on his return to Rush county he engaged in the operation of 220 acres of land in Union township, a part of which was given him by his father and part of which he bought. He was very successful in his business affairs and exerted a large influence in the locality. To his union with Elmyra Moffett, a native of Fayette county, Indiana, were born six children, of whom the living are Ora, Alta, Robertie and Berry, while the deceased are John and Grace. Berry Rush was reared under the parental rooftree and received his educational training in the Fairview school. He remained on the home farm with his father until his marriage, in 1902, when he rented 100 acres of land in Union township and engaged in farming on his

own acount for two years. He then moved to Mays, where he has since resided and where he has been busily engaged in carpentering and contracting. He is an expert workman and has successfully handled a number of large contracts in this vicinity, earning a well-merited reputation as a careful and conscientious man in everything he does. In 1902 Mr. Rush was married to Myrtle E. Osborne, of Mays, and they are the parents of two children, Elmyra and Russell, both of whom are in school. Politically, Mr. Rush gives his support to the Democratic party, while, fraternally, he is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons and the Improved Order of Red Men.

AUGUSTUS N. WILLIAMS. Since he came to Rush county, over a half century ago, the subject of this review has been a witness of very important changes in his vicinity, and his reminiscences of the former days here are most interesting and entertaining. Mr. Williams first saw the light of day in Franklin county, Indiana, on the 9th day of December, 1837. His parents, John P. and Nancy (Morris) Williams, were natives, respectively, of Warren county and Butler county, Ohio. After their marriage, which occurred in that state, they moved to Brookville, Ind., where Mr. Williams operated a pottery plant for four years. He then moved to Blooming Grove, Ind., where eight of his nine children grew up. From Blooming Grove he moved to Waterloo township, Fayette county, where he lived on a farm which he owned. After eight years of residence there he sold his farm and moved thence to Brookville, Ind., where he became engaged in pork packing and general grain business, buying and selling grain. He then moved to Wapello county, Iowa, where he again engaged in the pottery business. He died in that county on November 11, 1874. Of the nine children who blessed the union of himself and wife, the subject of this review is now the only survivor. Augustus N. Williams secured his educational training in the public schools of Brookville, Ind. About two years later he enlisted for service in the Civil war, serving faithfully for four years, during seven months and twenty days of which time he was confined in the notorious Andersonville prison pen. On his return from the army, Mr. Williams went west, stopping for about three months in the state of Iowa, but he decided that Indiana was good enough for him, and so he returned and located in Rush county. About that time he was married and at once rented a farm, to the operation of which he devoted himself during the ensuing twelve years. He then bought seventy-eight acres of land, which he still owns, but has increased his total holdings to 181 acres. Mr. Williams has put all the improvements on the place, including buildings, fences, ditching, etc., and carries on a general system of farming. On June 24, 1866, Mr. Williams was married to Julia E. Osborn, who was born and reared in Franklin county, Indiana, the daughter of Larkin and Mary (Howell) Osborn. To this union were born seven children, of whom four are living, namely: Edwin F., who owns a fruit farm at

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Marysville, Washington, married Martha Williams, and they have had two children, one of whom, Mary, is living; Cortez W., who is a traveling salesman, living in Ottumwa, Iowa, married Mabel Tuttle and they have one child, Dorothy; Ethel B. became the wife of George N. Morris, a mechanic at Yazoo, Miss., and they have one child, George A.; Culver B., of Rushville. Mrs. Julia Williams died on November 3, 1885, and on August 3, 1887, Mr. Williams was married to Minnie C. Caldwell, a native of Rushville township and the daughter of William H. and Sarah (McKeehan) Caldwell, the former a native of Boone county, Indiana, and the latter of Butler county, Ohio. Mr. Caldwell was a farmer by vocation and owned eighty-five acres of land in Rush county. To him and his wife were born nine children, of whom six are living, as follows: George A., Minnie C., Anna E., Mattie M., Mary R., William A., Harriette, Clara and Frank. By his second marriage, the subject became the father of two children, Augustus N. and Mary M Augustus N. Williams, who is in the civil service at Washington, D. C., was married to Murle Olive Wildman. Mr. Williams is a lifelong supporter of the Republican party, while his religious belief is that of the Methodist Episcopal church, holding membership in that society at Arlington. A man of kindly manner and friendly disposition, he has long enjoyed the friendship and esteem of the entire community.

W. A. NORRIS, who is the president of the New Salem State Bank and a scion of one of Rush county's old pioneer families, has spent his entire life within the borders of the county, using his influence wherever possible for the promotion of enterprises calculated to be a lasting benefit to his fellow men. He was born on the farm in Noble township where he now lives, on October 7, 1858, and is the son of Benjamin F. and Charlotte (Chandler) Norris, both of whom were natives of Kentucky, the mother having been born and reared in Bracken county. Benjamin F. Norris was a son of Capt. Benjamin and Priscilla Norris, natives of Kentucky who emigrated to Rush county in an early day. In the War of 1812 Capt. Benjamin Norris was in command of a gunboat, in which capacity he served throughout that conflict. Benjamin F. Norris was but twelve years of age when he was brought to Rush county by his parents, who settled in Noble township and bought eighty acres of land. Here he grew to manhood and secured his education in the common schools of the neighborhood. He followed the vocation of farming throughout his life and met with a very gratifying measure of success, becoming the owner of 1,200 acres of excellent farm land. Of this, he cultivated about 640 acres, devoting his efforts to a general line of farming and stock raising. He gave special attention to the raising of mules, always having a herd of them on his place, and he also feeds large numbers of cattle and hogs. To him and his wife were born ten children, five of whom are now living, namely: Lenora, Charles, W. A., Alice and Lotta. W. A. Norris attended the public schools of

Noble township and gave his father assistance in the operation of the home farm, remaining with him until his death. After the death of the father, the subject continued to farm on his own account, and he has been more than ordinarily successful as an agriculturist. He is cultivating 310 acres of land, all of which is located in Noble township, and is devoting his time and energies to general farming and stock raising. He is a successful breeder of Shorthorn cattle and feeds from 300 to 400 head of hogs each year. He has put many good improvements on his farm and it is now one of the most up-to-date farms in this section of the county. In 1886 Mr. Norris was married to Ora May McMillin, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John T. McMillin, and they have become the parents of five children, namely: Walter, who married Mabel Myers and has three children, William, Harold and Richard; Lowell, who married Edith King and has two children, Mary and Paul; Helen, wife of Loren Martin; Ben F. and Rema May. Mr. Norris and his family are members of the Little Flat Rock Christian Church, of which Mr. Norris is the present treasurer. Politically, he is a Republican. Mr. Norris has long had at interest the welfare of his section of the county and took an active part in the organization of the New Salem State Bank, of which he was elected president and is still serving in that capacity.

THOMAS J. ADDISON, who died at his home in this county in the fall of 1916, was an honored veteran of the Civil war and had labored diligently and well as an agriculturist of Hancock and Rush counties for many years. Mr. Addison was born in Shelby county, Indiana, November 19, 1844, a son of Thomas and Catherine (Smith) Addison, the former a native of North Carolina and the latter of Virginia. Thomas J. Addison was educated in the rural districts of Shelby county, and on leaving school, his parents being agricultural people, took up farming in association with his father on the home place. When but nineteen years of age he enlisted, February 13, 1864, in the Nineteenth regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, under Capt. Richard T. Henderson, and had his baptism of fire in one of the most terrible struggles of the Civil war, the battle of the Wilderness. The Nineteenth and Twentieth Indiana regiments were so reduced by casualties that the two were subsequently combined, and Mr. Addison continued to serve with the reconstructed organization until the close of the war, receiving his honorable discharge on July 12, 1865. On his return from military service, Mr. Addison once more took up farming, securing employment as a farm hand. When he had accumulated some small capital, he bought a forty-acre tract and from that time forward his career was one of steadily increasing success. The summer before his death he gave to each of his five children a tract of forty acres, and still at the time of his death, October 19, 1916, owned 147 acres, now the property of his widow, who survives him and makes her home at Carthage. Mr. Addison was married on August 11, 1866, to Elizabeth Cathon and they became the parents of five children, all of whom survive: William A., a traveling salesman living at Indianapolis, Ind., who married Crilla Small

and has one child, Ruby, the wife of Leonard Hark; Delphina C., the wife of Dayton H. Gates, a farmer of Hancock county; Orland F., a farmer of Hancock county, who married Mary A. Heller and has four children, Paul F., Elizabeth W., William E., and Thomas M.; Charles T., a farmer of Rush county, who married Beulah Collins, and has three children, Delphina M., Mary M., and Eli F.; and Ruth A., who married Thomas Lee, a farmer of Rush county, and has two children, Mabel K. and Thomas Harlan. Mr. Addison never lost his interest in his old comrades who had worn the blue, and was a popular member of the Grand Army of the Republic. He was a faithful member of the Friends Meeting at Walnut Ridge. He was appreciated for his many stable and reliable traits of character, for his unceasing devotion to the best interests of the community, and for the example which his life offered of ability, perseverance and ultimate success.

EDGAR V. RUBY, the owner and operator of a well-improved farm in the Carthage locality of Ripley township, was born in that township, February 14, 1870, a son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Stouder) Ruby, and a grandson of Jacob and Mary Ruby. Jacob Ruby the elder was born in the East, and as a young man migrated to the new country opening up in Rush county, where he secured 160 acres of land in Center township from the Government. On this land he did the preliminary work of clearing and cultivation, and subsequently passed an honorable career in the pursuits of the husbandman. He and his wife were the parents of five children. Jacob Ruby, the father of Edgar V., was born in Center township, Rush county, and was given the advantages of a public school education. His early training was acquired under the teaching of his father, and when he entered upon his independent career he was fully prepared to carry on farming in a successful manner. This was proven in his able management and operation of the 100-acre farm which he purchased in Ripley township, subsequently buying an eighty acre tract, and on which he spent the rest of a successful and honorable career. He and his wife were the parents of four children; Martha, who married Greeley Ewing, an agriculturist of Rush county; Frances, who married John Wolf, an agriculturist of Wayne county, Indiana; Jesse L., engaged in farming in Rush county, who married Grace Stephens, of Ripley township; and Edgar V. The eldest of his parents' children, Edgar V. Ruby acquired his education in Ripley township, where he attended the Stinger schoolhouse, and on completing his studies took up farming with his father. On the attainment of his majority, he rented 220 acres of land, which he farmed for several years, subsequently buying a tract of forty acres, which was his home until 1916. At that time he bought the seventy-acre farm which forms his present field of activity, and on which he has made numerous improvements. He carries on general farming and stock raising, and in both departments has achieved marked success. On September 30, 1891, Mr. Ruby married Mary E. Butler, a native of Ripley township, daughter of Levi and Martha (Taylor) Butler. To this union there have been born three children: Leonard E., a graduate of Car-

thage high school and of the mechanical engineering department of Purdue University; Charles L., a graduate of Carthage high school, now assisting his father on the home farm; and Mary M., who is attending school. Mr. Ruby is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Carthage, and in politics is a Prohibitionist. With his family, he belongs to the Methodist church.

GEORGE N. SPILMAN, a successful farmer of Noble township and who has been in a very true sense the master of his own fortune, showing in his life such attributes of character as entitle him to the regard of all, was born in Decatur county, Indiana, on June 7, 1861, and is the son of William and Elizabeth (Myers) Spilman, both of whom were born in Kentucky. William Spilman was brought to Indiana with his parents when but a boy, the family settling in Decatur county, where he was educated and reared to manhood. He followed the vocation of farming all his active years, or up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1874. He was survived many years by his widow, who passed away in 1898. They were the parents of ten children, of which number four are now living, namely: Mary, Elizabeth, Rebecca and George N. The subject of this review secured his educational training in the common schools of Decatur county, following which he obtained employment as a farm hand, being so occupied up to the time of his marriage. He then rented and moved onto a farm in Boone county, Indiana, where he remained three years, moving at the end of that period to a rented farm in Decatur county. In 1895 Mr. Spilman came to Rush county and operated rented land for about seven years, going then to Blackford county, Indiana, where he bought a farm, to the cultivation of which he devoted himself for a year, and then he came back to Rush county and bought the farm in Noble township, on which he now lives. The tract at that time comprising eighty acres, on which was a small unpretentious cottage, which he replaced with a spacious and comfortable home and made other permanent and substantial improvements on the place. He has been prospered in the operation of this farm, and has increased his holdings there to 140 acres. Mr. Spilman has always carried on general farming and stock raising and is entitled to a large meed of credit for what he has accomplished, for he started out in boyhood without funds or influential friends, and solely by his own exertions and good management he has accumulated what he posseses today. Mr. Spilman was married to Etta Dugan, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah Dugan, and to them have been born four children, namely: Earl, who is a veteran of the World war, having enlisted with Company B, from this county, but was later transferred to the Seventh regiment of Field Artillery, of the First Division, with which he took part in the famous engagements at Argonne, St. Mihiel and Soissons, and was poisoned by drinking gassed water; Una became the wife of Newton Gruell and they have two children, Lowell and Harold; Hubert married Jessie

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Mock, who died in February, 1918, leaving one child, Carlos; Vernon married Mabel Holden and they have a son, Cecil. Mr. Spilman gives his support to the Democratic party. He is a member of the Methodist Protestant church at New Salem and has served in practically all the offices of that society, being at the present time trustee and steward. He is also a member of the advisory board. Mrs. Spilman also was born in Decatur county, of which county her father also was a native, a member of one of the old families down there. Her mother was born in the neighboring county of Franklin, a member of a pioneer family there. Jeremiah Dugan was a substantial farmer in Decatur county, and his last days were spent there. He and his wife had four children, those besides Mrs. Spilman being Clara, Rosa and Frona.

IRA A. SOMERVILLE, a well-to-do retired farmer of Anderson township, this county, now living at Milroy, where he has made his home for the past ten years or more but who still retains the fine farm which he developed during his years of residence on the same, is a native son of Rush county, a member of one of the old families in the southern part of the county, and has lived here all his life, doing well his part in the general development of the section in which he has so long resided. He was born on a farm in Anderson township on November 13, 1855, son of William A. and Eliza (Hood) Somerville, further mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume of biographies relating to the old families of Rush county. William A. Somerville was one of the most substantial farmers of his neighborhood, at one time the owner of 300 acres of excellent land, and developed a fine property. He died in August 15, 1909, in his ninetieth year. His wife had preceded him to the grave nearly ten years, her death having occurred in 1900, in her eighty-fourth year, and both left good memories in the community which had so long known and honored them. Reared on the home farm, Ira A. Somerville grew up under the thoughtful direction of his father to be an excellent farmer and stock raiser. He completed his schooling in the Milroy high school and in the old Richland Academy and then continued on the home farm, helpful in the labors of developing the same. Some time after his marriage he bought the farm of 215 acres which he still owns in Anderson township and there established his home, remaining there until after his wife's death in 1909 when he retired from the farm and moved to Milroy, where he has since resided and where he is very pleasantly and very comfortably situated. Mr. Somerville is a Republican of life long standing and has ever taken a good citizen's interest in local political affairs, but has not been a seeker after office. He is a member of the Methodist church at Milroy and has served that congregation as a member of the board of stewards. In his fraternal relations he is affiliated with the local lodges of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and the Red Men and in the affairs of these several organizations has long manifested a warm interest. Mr. Somerville has been twice married. In 1876 he was

united in marriage to Elizabeth E. Crawford, daughter of R. B. and Mary A. (Mitchell) Crawford, and to this union one child was born, a son, Pearl C. Mrs. Elizabeth Somerville died on May 23, 1878, and in 1880 Mr. Somerville married Malinda Somerville, who was born in Illinois, daughter of Alexander and Rosa (Cochran) Somerville, and to that union one child was born, Albert Alexander, who is now vice-president of the Vanderbilt Rubber Company of New York City. Pearl C. Somerville was graduated from DePauw University in 1900 and now occupies the chair of English in Wesleyan College at Bloomington, Illinois. He married LaRose Culiver and has four children, Guinevere, Merlin, Gareth and Alfred Alexander. Albert A. Somerville married Emma Louise Rapelye and has two sons, Norman Alexander and Marion Lynn.

CHARLES M. GRUELL, one of the general farmers and stock-raisers of Noble township, is recognized as a substantial citizen of Rush county. He was born in Union township, October 4, 1859, son of Isaac and Sarah (Young) Gruell, both of whom were born near Waterloo, Ind. When he was eight years old Isaac Gruell was brought to Rush county by his parents who settled in the vicinity of Rushville, and there he was reared to manhood, receiving his educational training in the local schools. His life was spent at Rushville and in Union township, and he devoted himself to farming and veterinary work. Although he did not invest in a farm of his own, he conducted large farming properties which he rented, and was successful in his undertakings. He was a son of Atica and Rachel Gruell, the former of whom opened a tannery at Rushville about 1836 and conducted it for a number of years. Isaac Gruell and his wife had eleven children, namely: William, Clayburn, Jennie, Harvina, Charles M., George W., Lincoln, Samuel, Joseph, Newton and Albert, of whom the following survive, George, Lincoln, Samuel, Newton, Charles M., Jennie and Harvina. Charles M. Gruell attended the schools of Union and Noble townships, and as soon as he was old enough began assisting his father in his farming. Later he began farming for himself in Richland township, renting land there for twenty-seven years, after which he moved to Noble township and spent three years on rented land. For the next year he was in Union township, and then bought a farm of seventy-two acres in Noble township, adding to his holdings until he now has 397 acres, all of which is in Noble township. All his life he has been engaged in general farming and stock-raising and has become very expert in both lines. On August 24, 1882, Mr. Gruell was married to Catherine D., daughter of Thomas N. and Charlotte (Thompson) Smith, who was born in Noble township, as were both of her parents. They were reared and married in Noble township, but a year after their marriage moved to Union township where they remained until claimed by death. Mr. Smith was a farmer and stockdealer all of his life, owning over 600 acres of land in Union, Noble and Richland townships and being one of the wealthy men of the county. Mr. and Mrs. Smith had three children: Hattie, Mrs. Gruell and one who is now deceased. The children born

to Mr. and Mrs. Gruell are as follows: Hattie, Newton, Clem, Lottie, Josephine, deceased, Alice and Harvina. Hattie Gruell married Louis Wilson and they had seven children born to them, namely: Owen (deceased), Merle, Thelma, Carl, Monroe, Lowell and Roland. Mr. Wilson died, and Mrs. Wilson was later married to James F. Wilson and they have had two children, Donald and Robert. Newton Gruell married Una Spilman and they have two children, Lowell and Harold. Clem Gruell married Olive Beaver and has two children, Lorene and Thomas N. Lottie Gruell married Ernest Crim and has one child, Oletha. Alice Gruell married Bert West. Harvina Gruell married Glenn Miller and has one daughter, Catherine. Mr. Gruell belongs to the Methodist Protestant church at New Salem, and is held in high esteem in that congregation as he is elsewhere. In politics he is a Republican, but has never come before the public for office, being fully occupied with his private affairs.

JESSE I. LEFFORGE, who labored so long and so effectively as an agriculturist in Richland township, died more than six years ago, but his memory is still kept green in the hearts of the many who knew him and appreciated his sterling qualities, and he is still remembered as a man of the highest principles and strictest integrity. Mr. Lefforge was born in Richland township, Rush county, October 19, 1855, a son of Isaac and Florinda (Brown) Lefforge. Isaac Lefforge was born October 17, 1819, in Franklin county, Indiana, and as a child of three years was brought by his parents to Rush county, where he spent the remainder of his life. He married Florinda Brown, who was born May 3, 1825, in Campbell county, Kentucky, and they became the parents of eight children: Mary, Philander and Lewis, who survive; Thomas and Jesse I, deceased, and three who died in infancy. Jesse I. Lefforge was educated in the country schools of Richland township and remained on the home farm as his father's associate until his marriage at the age of twenty-four years, when he began farming on his own account as a renter, which was his status for four years, at the end of which time he and Mrs. Lefforge moved to a farm of ninety-three acres which had been given them by her father. This property continued to be their home for sixteen years, after which they removed to another property, on which they lived until Mr. Lefforge's death, February 14, 1915. At that time, with his wife, he was the owner of 444 acres of good land, and was known as one of the substantial agriculturists of his locality. Mr. Lefforge was married October 19, 1879, to Luella Miller, who was born in Richland township and educated in that locality, a daughter of Charles S. and Sarah A. (Simmonds) Miller, natives of Franklin county, Indiana. Mr. Miller was a lifelong farmer of Richland township, Rush county, and at one time was the owner of 500 acres of land. He and his wife had seven children, of whom Mrs. Lefforge is the only survivor, the others being George W., James T., William A., Abraham L. and two who died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Lefforge had no children. Since 1920 Mrs. Lefforge has made her home at Rushville, where she occupies a pleasant and comfortable residence at 717 Perkins street. She belongs

to the church of the United Brethren in Christ, of which church her husband was also a member. In politics Mr. Lefforge was a Republican.

WILLIAM B. MARTIN, whose life is an illustration of the possible control over early limitations and of the wise utilization of ordinary opportunities, his career extending from the day of humble beginnings to his present place of prominence in his community, as the owner of 225 acres of valuable land in Anderson township, was born near Spring Hill, Decatur county, Indiana, April 25, 1855, a son of James H. and Mary A. (Munns) Martin, natives of Kentucky, who were married in Decatur county. James H. Martin, a farmer all his life, died when his son, William B., was an infant, leaving his widow with five children, of whom three are now living: Nancy, James H. and William B. Mrs. Martin survived until 1912. Her father was born in England and as a young man came to the United States and settled in Kentucky, where he married a native of that state. Later he moved to Decatur county, Indiana, where he rounded out a long, honorable and useful career in the pursuits of agriculture. William B. Martin received his education in the district school in Fugit township, Decatur county, after leaving which he started to work on the farm of his maternal grandfather, with whom he had lived since the death of his father. He was thus associated with the elder man until he reached the age of twenty-one years, at which time the grandfather died. However, Mr. Martin remained on the farm with his mother, and he and his brother, James H., rented land and bought other property and worked successfully in the development of a good estate. This partnership continued until James H. Martin was married, at which time it was mutually dissolved and William B. Martin started farming on his own account. His first venture was a modest one, consisting of operations on seventeen acres of land, and this small tract formed the nucleus for his present estate of 225 acres, located in Rush and Decatur counties. Mr. Martin has done much work in the way of development and improvement and his property shows the presence of able management and modern, enlightened views. Of more recent years he has given up much of the hard work that marked his earlier struggles, but still maintains supervision over his land and directs the operations being carried on in the line of general farming and the raising of live stock. In his political allegiance Mr. Martin supports the Democratic party. His religious connection is with the Methodist Episcopal church at Milroy.

JOSEPH F. BOWEN, M. D., of Occident, this county, whose name for many years has been a household word in the northern part of the county and where he is known as an able, reliable and progressive physician, was born in Center township, this county, on December 22, 1870, and is the son of C. J. and Sarah A. (Collins) Bowen, the former a native of Kentucky. The subject secured his elemental education in the Center school, Center township and then entered the

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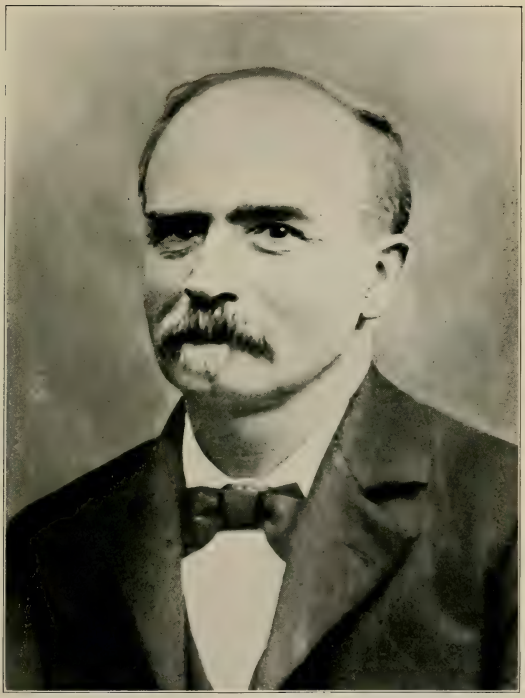
Danville Normal School, where he spent two years in preparation for teaching. He then returned home and during the following three years he was employed as teacher at the Ball and Demmick schools in Center township. Then, having determined to make the practice of medicine his life work, he matriculated in the Medical College of Indiana, from which he was graduated on March 31, 1897, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Doctor Bowen at once located in Occident and has been actively engaged in the practice of his profession there ever since. He has firmly established himself in his profession and has won the confidence and esteem of the people and his professional brethren, for he possesses the natural endowments that go to make the successful physician. On September 12, 1894, Doctor Bowen was married to Minnie A. Hackleman, who was born and reared in Center township, the daughter of John F. and Minerva A. (Garmon) Hackleman, the former a native of Ripley township and the latter of Jackson township. Mr. Hackleman followed farming all his active life, being the owner of 150 acres of land in Center township, of which township he served as trustee for one term. To him and his wife were born five children, four of whom are living, namely: Edward, Minnie, Wallace and Arthur; Belle died at the age of sixteen years. Doctor and Mrs. Bowen have three children, Luva, Bert V. and Raymond F., all of whom are at home. Fraternally, the Doctor is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, belonging to the blue lodge, council and chapter at Rushville; to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. His son Bert is also a member of the Masonic and Odd Fellows orders at Rushville. The Doctor is a member of the Rush County Medical Society and the Indiana State Medical Society. His wife is a member of the Little Blue River Baptist Church. He is a man of sociable nature, straightforward, obliging and unassuming.

ALBERT N. McMICHAEL, a well known farmer of Posey township who has by his energy and practical activity won the respect and confidence of the community in which he resides, was born in Posey township on the 27th day of October, 1864, and is the son of William J. and Sarah (Worth) McMichael, both of whom were born, reared and educated in Rush county, where the father followed farming throughout his active life. Of the seven children who blessed the union of himself and wife, six are living, namely: William W., Albert N., Ernest, Eva, Alice and Myrtle. Albert N. McMichael received his educational training in the Berrill school house in Rushville township, and after completing his schooling he assisted in the work of the home farm until his marriage, in 1892, when he rented the place where he now lives. After renting the farm for twenty-two years, Mr. McMichael bought the place and since made a number of important improvements, including a new house, and the farm now presents a very attractive appearance. It consists of 100 acres of fine land, which is devoted to the crops common to this section of the country. Mr. McMichael is up-to-date and practical in his methods and enjoys a high reputation as an enterprising and successful agri-

married Luticia Skillman, a native of Rush county; Effie who became the wife of Leroy Divelbiss, of Rush county, and has four children, Bernard, Gilbert, Myrtle and Ruby; Edward (deceased), who was born on October 9, 1868, received his education in the schools of Center township, and then engaged in teaching school, in addition to which he also farmed; he married Mrs. Anna J. (Clark) Rhodes and they had one child, Marie, and Amy, who died aged twenty months. Mr. Rhodes has been true to his conscience and his judgment in every relation of life, having so lived as to receive the confidence and respect of the entire community, where his influence has ever been given in support of those things which make for the general welfare.

DARIUS PATTERSON, a substantial landowner of Richland township, now living retired in his comfortable country home there, and whose active career was one of self-made manhood, in which he rose from the status of a renter to the owner of a valuable property solely through the medium of his own efforts, was born in Bracken county, Kentucky, September 13, 1848, a son of Thompson and Rebecca (Day) Patterson, natives of the same county. In his youth, Thompson Patterson mastered the trade of blacksmith, which he followed in Kentucky until 1852. In that year he brought his wife and family to Indiana, locating at Clarksburg, Decatur county, where he conducted a blacksmith shop for four years, coming then to Rush county and purchasing a farm of 121 acres. On this land he built a shop, and for several years followed his trade in conjunction with his farming activities, but eventually gave up blacksmithing entirely and devoted himself to farming, which enabled him to increase his holdings to 176 acres. He and his wife were the parents of eight children, of whom five are now living, Thompson, Lovell, Edward, Darius and Maria. Darius Patterson spent his boyhood on the home farm and secured his education at the Butler schoolhouse in Richland township. His schooling completed, he obtained employment on neighboring farms as a hand, and was thus engaged, as well as on the home farm, until he reached the age of twenty-three years, when he was married. Desiring a property of his own, and not being possessed of the means of buying one, he rented a property in Richland township, and for ten years continued to operate this land, but in 1901 was able to buy a farm and moved to the one which he now owns. By good management and wise investment he increased his holdings to 256 acres, all in Richland township, and in 1913 retired from active labor. Since then he has lived quietly in his comfortable home, enjoying the fruits of his earlier years of toil. During the active part of his career Mr. Patterson was justly considered one of the able farmers and stock raisers of his locality. A man of modern and progressive inclinations, the improvements on his property are of the best, and he is always willing to support good movements which promise to make for substantial advancement. On October 26, 1871, Darius Patterson married Mary Irene Hite, daughter of William N. and



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Sarah (Fisher) Hite, and a member of one of the old and honored pioneer families of Richland township. To this union there have been born three children: Normal V., who married Lillie Cloud, and has seven children, Howard, Mary, Ruth, Stanley, Willard, Whitmer and Maurice; Lola M., who married John S. Davis and has one child, Laverne; and Cora L., who married Cliff Winship and has one child, Miriam. Mrs. Patterson is a member of the Christian church, and the children have been reared in that faith. Mr. Patterson is a Democrat, but has not sought official honors.

OLIVER M. SILER, a well-known farmer of Jackson township, and formerly and for six years trustee of that township, is a native son of Rush county, having been born in Ripley township, on the 11th day of October, 1866, and he is the son of Peter and Frances (Herkless) Siler, both of whom also were natives of Ripley township, where the father followed the vocation of farming. Peter Siler was twice married. By his union with Frances Herkless he had two sons, the subject of this sketch and James P., the latter of whom died on his eighteenth birthday. By his second wife, Emma Miller, he had four children, Ora, Thomas, Oma and Boyd. The subject of this sketch received his educational training in the schools of Ripley township, including the Carthage school and Earnest school. On completing his schooling Mr. Siler secured employment as a farm hand and was so employed for about twenty-five years. He then began farming on his own account, buying forty acres of land in Ripley township. In addition to this he also cultivated and lived on eighty additional acres which he rented. Seven years later he sold the forty-acre tract and moved to Jackson township, where he bought the place on which he now lives. His first purchase was ninety-one acres, to which he added eighty-four acres by a later purchase. Mr. Siler removed to Jackson township in 1900 and gave personal direction to the cultivation of his land until 1918, when he began to rent it out. At the same time he rented eighty-seven acres of land from his mother-in-law, which he is now engaged in farming with success. He is thoroughly practical and up-to-date in his methods and results have demonstrated the wisdom of his judgment. On April 20, 1890, Mr. Siler was married to Maude Kirkpatrick, who was born on the place where they now live. She is the daughter of John W. and Margaret E. (Dill) Kirkpatrick, both of whom were natives of Rush county, where Mr. Kirkpatrick followed farming and stock buying for a number of years. They became the parents of the following children: Sylvester, Pendleton H., Mrs. Alice Smith, Mrs. Flora B. Powell and Mrs. Siler. Mr. and Mrs. Siler are members of the Hannegan Christian church. Fraternally, Mr. Siler is a member of Phoenix Lodge, No. 62, Free and Accepted Masons, and Lodge No. 35, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Rushville. Politically, he gives his active support to the Democratic party and during the six-year period, 1914-20, he rendered efficient service as trustee of Jackson township. A man of pleasing address and obliging manner, he has won and retains a host of friends throughout his community.

W. D. MARTIN, a well-known farmer and swine breeder of Anderson township, is a member of one of Rush county's pioneer families, his grandfather, James Martin, having come up here from Kentucky as a young man and established himself here in the early days. Some time after coming here James Martin married Mary Ann Muus, who also was born in Kentucky, and after his marriage settled on a farm in Anderson township where he spent the rest of his life, one of the useful pioneers of that neighborhood. John D. Martin, one of the sons of this pioneer pair, grew to manhood on that farm and in turn became a farmer on his own account. He married Mary F. VanHook and for some years afterward continued to make his home in Anderson township, living on a rented farm, and then moved over into Decatur county where he rented a farm in Clinton township and in that township spent the rest of his life, his death occurring there in 1887. Of the six children born to John D. Martin and wife W. D. Martin, the subject of this sketch, was the third in order of birth. Four of these children are still living, those besides W. D. being Janie, Frank and Anna. W. D. Martin was but a child when his parents moved from here to Decatur county and in the latter county he received his schooling and grew to manhood. He was but eight years of age when his father died and thus early began to assume mature responsibilities in connection with the operation of the farm, remaining on the home farm, he and his brother carrying on the work of the same until after his marriage when he rented a farm and began operations on his own account and has so continued, at present carying on operations on a 400-acre farm in Anderson township, on which, besides his general farming operations he is extensively engaged in the breeding of big type Poland China hogs, feeding about 300 head a year, and is doing well. It was in 1903 that W. D. Martin was united in marriage to Hattie Tompkins, who was born in this county, daughter of Ira and Arkie (Richey) Tompkins, of Anderson township, and to this union one child was born, a son, Earl Thornton. Mrs. Martin died on March 24, 1921. Mr. Martin is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and has ever given his interested attention to the work of the church, being one of the stewards of the same. In his political affiliation he is a Democrat and in his fraternal affiliations is connected with the local lodges of the Masons and the Knights of Pythias, and has been "through the chairs" in the latter lodge.

ELIJAH A. KIRKPATRICK, one of the public-spirited citizens of Posey township, was born in Jackson township, Rush county, on the 15th day of May, 1849, and is the son of William and Susannah (Corbin) Kirkpatrick, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of Fayette county, Indiana. Mr. Kirkpatrick came to Rush county in young manhood and located in Jackson township, where he followed farming during the remaining years of his life, becoming the owner of two hundred and seventy-nine acres of land in that township. Of the ten children who were born to him and his wife, but three are now living, namely: Hannah G., Martha J. and Elijah A. Elijah A. Kirkpatrick received his educational training in the

Osborne school, and he remained on the home place until his marriage, in 1870, when he rented a tract of land from his father and began farming operations on his own account. After cultivating rented land for about fifteen years, Mr. Kirkpatrick bought a forty-acre farm, following which he successively bought and sold several farms until 1892, when he bought and located on the farm where he now lives and where he has since made many splendid improvements, the present appearance of the place indicating him to be a man of good ideas and practical methods. He carries on general farming operations, and also deals extensively in live stock, buying and selling hogs and cattle, in which he has been successful. On February 6, 1870, Mr. Kirkpatrick was married to Laura A. Leisure, a native of Jackson township, Rush county, the daughter of Henry and Elsie Leisure. To their union were born two children, Owen E. and D. Claude, both of whom are deceased. Owen E. Kirkpatrick, who was a merchant in Hancock county, Indiana, married Katie Humphrey and they had two children, Glenn and Wilbur. D. Claude Kirkpatrick, who conducted a real estate and insurance business in Lincoln, Nebraska, married Nellie Frakes and they had two children, Alta and an infant, both deceased. Mrs. Laura Kirkpatrick died on April 6, 1888, and on November 8, 1891, Mr. Kirkpatrick was married to Angie Cox, who was born and reared in Hancock county, Indiana, the daughter of Riley and Sarah (Leary) Cox, both of whom were also natives of Hancock county, where Mr. Cox followed the vocation of farming. He and his wife were the parents of four children, three of whom are living, Martha, Stella and Angie. Politically, Mr. Kirkpatrick gives his support to the Democratic party. He is a member of the Christian church, while Mrs. Kirkpatrick is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, to both of which societies they give liberal support. Throughout his long life here he has ever enjoyed the confidence and good will of all who have had dealings with him and he has always been an ardent supporter of every movement the object of which was the advancement of the public welfare in any way.

WILLIAM WILLIAMS, one of the most widely known citizens of Rush county, who after a long period of strenuous endeavor, is now retired from active life and is quietly spending his last days in New Salem, comes from one of the real pioneer families of Rush county, for his paternal grandparents, Isaac and Margaret Williams, were the first white settlers in that part of the county now comprised in what is Noble township. Isaac Williams was a native of Tennessee and his wife was born and reared in the Cumberland mountains of Tennessee. They made the trip north to their Indiana destination by horseback—or, rather, they took turns in coming horseback, as they had but one horse and the family comprised the parents and two children. They first stopped in Franklin county, where they remained for a time. In the spring of 1818 they came to this locality and "squatted" in what is now Rush county, their cabin home being in what later was organized as Noble township. Here they lived and improved their home as best they could, and when the land here was

opened for sale Isaac Williams entered this land from the Government, and there he spent the remainder of his days. Among his children was John Williams, who was born in Franklin county, Indiana, in 1813, and who married Elizabeth Wilson, a native of Kentucky. In his childhood he had been brought to Rush county by his parents and here was reared to manhood. He followed the vocation of farming during all his active years and he and his wife lost their lives in a cyclone which passed over their home on June 14, 1880. They were the parents of ten children, seven of whom are living, namely: Margaret, Jennie, Anna, Amanda, William, James A. and John O., living, and Isaac, Harriette M. and Nancy E., deceased, the first named having lost his life in the Civil war. William Williams, who has spent practically his entire life of more than three-quarters of a century in Noble township, received his education in the old Bethany Methodist Episcopal church, in which building a school was conducted, and in the old Pinhook school house. He was then employed as a farm hand until his marriage, after which he farmed rented land for about ten years. He then bought sixty-two acres of land, which he operated in addition to rented land, and so successful was he that he eventually increased his holding to 195 acres, all of which was located in Noble township. Mr. Williams carried on general farming and stock raising on this farm until 1917, when he retired from the active personal management of his farm and since then has resided at New Salem. Mr. Williams was married to Julia A. McKee, the daughter of James and Emily McKee, and whose death occurred on March 7, 1920 Politically, Mr. Williams is an earnest supporter of the Republican party. Whatever of success Mr. Williams attained in life has been due entirely to his own efforts, energy and natural ability, and he has left the strong impress of his individuality upon all with whom he has come in contact.

THOMAS EDWARD MEDD. Farming as a life occupation has interested many of the most substantial citizens of Rush county, and their well cultivated and improved properties show that their efforts have met with material reward and that they take a pride in their homes. One of these representative farmers is Thomas Edward Medd, of Noble township, owner of 128 acres of valuable land, who is now living somewhat retired from his former activities. He was born in Dearborn county, Indiana, September 28, 1855, son of Thomas and Susan (Poshard) Medd, natives of Yorkshire, England, and Dearborn county, Indiana, respectively. Thomas Medd was an infant when his parents brought him to the United States and settled in Dearborn county, Indiana, where he was reared to manhood, and taught to make himself useful both as a farmer and cooper, both of which occupations he followed all of his life. When war broke out between this country and Mexico in the '40s he enlisted in the army from Dearborn county, and served until the close of that campaign. He and his wife had fourteen children, five of whom survive, namely: Joseph, Albert, Thomas

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Edward, Anna and Laura. Thomas Edward Medd attended the common schools of his native county, and after he left school began farming, working out as a farm hand in that county until he was twenty years old, at which time he came to Rush county, here continuing to work for others for a time, in all following this line of work for about four and one-half years. During this time he was thrifty and was finally able to get a start for himself, first renting land, but later buying a farm of eighty-two acres, to which he added until he secured his present farm. While he operated his land himself he carried on general farming and stock raising for which he deemed it best suited. He married Catherine, daughter of James and Nancy Holman, who died in April, 1907. For many years Mr. Medd has been a consistent member of Little Flat Rock Christian Church. He is a Democrat and has ever given his thoughtful attention to his duty as a citizen, helpful in promoting movements having to do with the betterment of local conditions.

SAMUEL L. TRABUE, who occupies a leading place among the members of the legal profession at Rushville and is known likewise as a prominent and influential member of the Democratic party, was born on a farm in Noble township, this county, June 29, 1878, a son of Samuel H. and Mary J. (McKee) Trabue. Samuel H. Trabue received his education in his native state of Kentucky and at the age of twenty-four years came to Rush county, where he worked for one year as a farm hand. He then secured by purchase twenty-five acres of land in Noble township, which he cultivated for about ten years, following which he sold his holdings and moved to Center township, where he bought eighty acres. Through industry and good management he increased his possessions to 190 acres and continued to live on this farm until 1910, when he retired from active pursuits and moved to Rushville, his present home. Mr. Trabue still supervises the operation of this farm, on which he specializes in live stock raising, and feeds out about 1,000 head of hogs a year. Mr. Trabue married in 1877, Mary J. McKee, daughter of David and Martha McKee, members of old families of Rush county, and to this union there were born six children, of whom four are living, those besides Samuel L. Trabue being David M. Trabue, who manages the home farm for his father; Bert L. Trabue, president of the Farmers Trust Company of Rushville, and Harry C. Trabue, of Kokomo, Ind. Samuel L. Trabue received his early schooling in the common schools of Center township, following which he took a one-year normal course at Glenwood. He then attended Valparaiso University for two years, and upon his graduation from that institution with the degree of Bachelor of Laws returned to Rushville and entered upon the practice of his profession, in which he has been highly successful. He belongs to the various organizations of his calling and occupies a high place in the esteem of his fellow-practitioners and the confidence of a large and constantly growing clientele. In politics a Democrat. Mr. Trabue has taken a keen and active interest in political matters, and at present is secretary of the Democratic state central committee.

During the World war he was in the Field Artillery Officers' Training School at Camp Taylor, Ky. Previous to entering the military service he was fuel administrator for Rush county. As a fraternalist, he is a Scottish Rite Mason, a Knight Templar and a Shriner, and belongs to the Knights of Pythias, Odd Fellows and Elks, all of Rushville. His religious connection is with the First Presbyterian church of Rushville. On September 28, 1910, Mr. Trabue married Marguerite, daughter of Frank E. and Anna Tritt, of Knightstown, Ind.

WILLIAM EDWIN TARPLEE, widely known as one of the honored citizens of Richland township, this county, the major portion of his life having been spent in this locality, was born in Decatur county, Indiana, on the 1st day of December, 1866, and is the son of George and Elizabeth (Arnold) Tarplee, the latter a native of Philadelphia, Pa., daughter of John Arnold and wife, who became pioneers of Decatur county, this state. John Arnold was born in the vicinity of Berlin, Germany, and his wife also was of German birth. They were married in their native country and shortly afterward came to America, locating at Philadelphia, from which city they presently moved to Cincinnati. While living in Cincinnati John Arnold came up into Indiana and at the land office at Brookville entered claim to a tract of land in the eastern part of Decatur county, where he presently established his home, he and his family thus having been numbered among the pioneers of that county, and he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives in that county. George Tarplee was born in Worcestershire, England, where he was reared to the age of fifteen years, when he came to the United States. He landed at New York with limited financial resources but, determined and ambitious, he turned his face westward and worked his way to Decatur county, Indiana. He first located at Greensburg, where he learned the trade of shoemaking, and then he moved to Clarksburg, where he opened a shoe shop and engaged in the making of custom shoes. So successful was he that he soon had six shoemakers working for him and gained a wide and favorable reputation for the quality of his work. Subsequently he added a line of general merchandise, to which he eventually devoted all of his time. For some years he was in partnership with Anderson Beagles, but in 1876 he retired from active business pursuits and spent his last days quietly there, his death occurring in 1908, three years after the death of his wife. He had been very successful in all of his business affairs and at the time of his death was the owner of 466 acres of land in Rush county. To him and his wife had been born four children, William E. Tarplee having two brothers, James H. Tarplee, bookkeeper for O'Neal Bros. at Rushville; John T. Tarplee, a farmer living at Clarksburg, and a sister, Cordelia, wife of F. A. Rohe, of Greensburg. William E. Tarplee received his schooling in the public schools of Clarksburg and on the completion of his studies he turned his attention to farming, renting land from his father when only sixteen years of age. He has devoted practically his entire active life to agriculture, in which course he has made no mistake, for he has been successful and enjoys

a reputation as a man of practical ideas, sound judgment and industrious habits. He continued to rent land from his father until the latter's death, at which time he inherited 160 acres from the estate. He carries on a general line of farming, devoting about fifty acres to corn and a like amount to small grain, while he also has been markedly successful in the feeding of live stock, of which he handles about a carload of cattle and 100 or more hogs. In 1885 Mr. Tarplee was married to Ida B. Taylor, the daughter of Sarah Taylor, and they have become the parents of four children, namely: Tressa, who became the wife of Joseph Harves and is the mother of one child, Harold; Allen, who married Bessie Parker; Frank, who married Isabelle Clark, and Dorothy. Mr. Tarplee is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Politically he is a Democrat and his fraternal relations are with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he has received preferment, having passed through the chairs of the subordinate lodge to which he belongs. A residence here of many years has but strengthened his hold on the hearts of his fellow citizens and none in his locality enjoys a larger circle of friends and acquaintances.

WILLIAM A. LORD, a well-known coal dealer at Mays and a Center township landowner, who was formerly trustee of that township, is a native son of Rush county, having been born in Union township on September 23, 1857, and is the son of James J. and Sarah (Billings) Lord, the latter of whom also was a native of Rush county. James J. Lord was a native of the state of Delaware, but in boyhood was brought by his parents to Indiana, the family settling in Rush county, where he completed his education in the common schools. He thereafter devoted himself to agricultural pursuits, buying a tract of land in Howard county, Indiana, where he spent the rest of his life. To him and his wife were born seven children, four of whom are living, namely: William, J. L. (a physician), Jennie and Hattie. Francis O. died on April 9, 1921, and Ann and Ellsworth died in infancy. William A. Lord was about three years of age when the family moved to Howard county and there he received his educational training. He remained on the home farm with his parents until his marriage, when he rented seventy-five acres of land and engaged in farming on his own account. Two years later he returned to Rush county and for three years thereafter devoted himself to the cultivation of 180 acres of land near Mays. He then returned to Howard county and opened a general store, which he ran about four years. Again returning to Rush county, Mr. Lord spent seven years in the operation of a farm of 180 acres in Center township, but at the end of that time he retired from active farm work and moved to Mays, where he engaged in the coal business, which still commands his attention. Energetic and a good manager, he has been successful in all his operations and today is in comfortable financial circumstances. He owns thirty acres of land in Center township and is numbered among the substantial and enterprising citizens of his locality. Mr. Lord has been twice married, first to Maria Covalt and, after her

death, to Hattie A. (Smith) Langston, a native of Rush county and the daughter of Shelby and Vina Smith. To the first union three children were born, Sarah Edna, Dora E. and Mary, the latter of whom died at the age of six years. To the last union has been born a son, Fred S., now three years old. Mr. and Mrs. Lord are members of the Christian church at Raleigh. Fraternally, Mr. Lord is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Politically, he is a stanch supporter of the Republican party and served four years as trustee of Center township. He takes a keen interest in public affairs and gives his support to every movement for the general welfare of the community.

BIRNEY E. HITE. Of the men who have actively participated in the agricultural transformation of Richland township during more than a quarter of a century past, a few are better or more favorably known than Birney E. Hite, who is now carrying on successful farming and stock raising operations on a ninety-acre farm. Mr. Hite was born on June 8, 1869, in Richland township, a son of William T. and Mary A. (Hite) Hite, natives of the same township. Through both of his parents Mr. Hite is descended from Jacob Hite, Sr., a soldier of the Revolutionary war, who was born in Frederick county, Maryland, February 14, 1761, a son of John and Sarah Hite, and in 1762 was taken by his parents to Frederick county, Virginia, where he was reared, educated and married. There he enlisted under Gilkison for service in the Revolutionary war, and was in the commands of Generals McIntosh, Armistead and Newell. As a private he served two months in 1778, and from October 1, 1781, served six months, also as a private, being present at the siege of Yorktown. Jacob Hite married Catherine Shiner, from whom the members of the family are said to inherit their black eyes, and they subsequently removed to Rockbridge county, Virginia, near the Natural Bridge, where to them there were born five sons and one daughter, all of whom, with the exception of the eldest son, John, Jr., emigrated with their parents to Rush county, Indiana, about 1829, the mother making the journey on horseback. John, the eldest son, remained and died in Rockbridge county, and no trace of his descendants has been found. The other children were: George, a soldier of the War of 1812, and a blacksmith and farmer, who had eight children, John, W. N. (the grandfather of Birney E. Hite on the paternal side), Jacob, G. W., Sr., Mrs. Polly Sack, Elizabeth, Catherine and Mrs. Harriet McDaniels; William, a farmer and blacksmith, who had seven children, Green, William, Joseph, Mrs. Eliza McDaniels, Mrs. Mary Watkins, Mrs. Harriet Watkins and Mrs. Cass Ann Barber; Jacob Hite, Jr., justice of the peace of Richland township for years, and the purchaser of the 700 acres of land from the government on which the family resided afterward, and on which he molded and burnt the bricks for his house, one of the first in the township, who had eleven children, James, Mrs. Polly Douglas, Mrs. Lucinda Caskey, Mrs. Eliza Cas-

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key, Mrs. Jane Tuttle, Francis, William, Mrs. Mary Moore, Harriet, Mrs. Caroline Sparks and Mrs. Jennie Sullivan; Polly, who married Archibald Crowdy and had one son, Alexander. Alexander Hite, a cabinet-maker and farmer, the maternal grandfather of Birney E. Hite, who had thirteen children, William C., John I., S. A., Thomas R., Jacob H., J. D., Joseph L., Winfield S., Mrs. Gabrella J. Farthing, Hannah E., Mrs. Mary A. Hite, Mrs. Lucinda A. Lawson, and M. B. Hite. William T. Hite, the father of Birney E. Hite, was born in Richland township, where he was reared and educated. At the time of his marriage he rented eighty acres of land from his father, upon which he carried on operations until February, 1871, when he bought the farm now operated by his son. He did not live long thereafter, dying August 31, 1871. His widow survived him until July 12, 1917. The only child of his parents, Birney E. Hite attended the schools of Richland township, and was graduated from Clarksburg high school in 1885 with the second class to complete the course in that school. After attending DePauw University for one year, he returned to Clarksburg, where he was variously employed for about eight years, and then resumed farming on their property. In 1902 he moved to his present farm, a tract of ninety acres, which he is renting and which he operates along the lines of general farming and stock raising. He is a public-spirited, well-balanced man and is deeply interested in all that pertains to the lasting welfare of the community. A member of the Christian church, Mr. Hite taught in the Sunday school for twenty-five years, and during the past five years has been church clerk. Mr. Hite is a Democrat. He is a thirty-second degree Mason, affiliated with the blue lodge at Clarksburg, the chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and the council, Royal and Select Masters, at Greensburg; Rushville Commandery, No. 49, Knights Templar, at Rushville; the Indiana Consistory, S. P. R. S. thirty-second degree, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, North Masonic Jurisdiction, Valley of Indianapolis, and a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, affiliated with Murat Temple, Indianapolis.

MILTON HENLEY, one of the most energetic, persevering and thoroughgoing agriculturists of Ripley township, has spent his life in this community, where he is the representative of a family that has been highly esteemed for many years. He was born on his father's farm in Ripley township, February 10, 1872, a son of Milton and Julia (Stanley) Henley, and a grandson of Thomas Henley, a pioneer of the locality, who took up Government land during the early settlement and established this branch of the family. Milton Henley, the elder, was born in Ripley township, where he acquired his early education in the public schools, this training being supplemented by a course at Earlham College, Richmond, Ind. When he was ready to enter upon his independent career, he chose farming as his means of livelihood and thus spent the rest of his life, becoming the owner of an excellent farm. He married Julia Stanley, daughter of Wyatt

Stanley, another pioneer of Rush county, and they became the parents of four children, Harvey G., Walter C., Milton and a daughter who died in infancy. After leaving school Milton Henley evinced the family predilection for farming and adopted it as his life work. For some years he farmed in association with his father and brothers, and at the elder man's death inherited a share of the home farm, the balance of which he subsequently bought from the other heirs. While Mr. Henley has operated chiefly as a general farmer, he has specialized in Berkshire hogs, and feeds out on an average of seventy animals yearly, which are shipped to the big markets. Mr. Henley has 140 acres of excellent land. His buildings are substantial and his equipment complete and modern, and in every way he is a progressive farmer of up-to-date tendencies. He is unmarried. While not a politician, he adheres to the principles of the Republican party and discharges in full the duties of good citizenship. His religious connection is with the Friends church, which he attends at Carthage.

ROBERT W. NIXON, a well-known farmer of Jackson township and former trustee of that township, was born in Washington township, this county, on May 4, 1864, and is the son of James R. and Jane (Abernathy) Nixon. The father was a native of Washington county, Pennsylvania, whence in early childhood he was brought to Rush county, where he was reared and educated. During the active years of his life he followed farming in Washington township, but later in life he moved to Union township, where he bought 104 acres of land and lived there up to the time of his death. His widow, who was born and reared in Union township, now lives on this farm. They became the parents of seven children, of whom four are living, namely: Robert W., Sallie A., Kate and Lulu. Robert W. Nixon secured his education in the public schools of Washington township and was one of the first pupils to attend the Raleigh consolidated school, which was the first consolidated school in the state. On completing his studies, Mr. Nixon went to Rushville and entered the employ of W. T. Brann & Son, grocers, with whom he remained for four years. Then, having married, he received from his father-in-law a gift of thirty-eight acres of land in Jackson township, to which he at once moved and began its cultivation. He was successful in his farming operations and bought 122 acres which, together with fifty additional acres given him by his father-in-law, makes his total holdings 210 acres, all of which lies in Jackson township. In addition to a general line of farming, Mr. Nixon gives attention to stock raising, marketing about 100 head of hogs a year. He is thoroughly practical and up-to-date in all his operations and is numbered among the enterprising and influential farmers of his community. On August 27, 1890, Mr. Nixon was married to Cora I. Gartin, who was born in Jackson township, this county, on May 1, 1866, the daughter of John G. and Arkansas (Porter) Gartin, both of whom were natives of Rush county, where Mr. Gartin followed the vocation of farming during his active life. He and his wife were the parents of four children, all of whom are living, namely, Cora I., Omer G., Audit P. and Edmund N.

To Mr. and Mrs. Nixon has been born one child, Chalmer G., August 12, 1893, who is unmarried and remains at home. Politically, Mr. Nixon is a stanch supporter of the Democratic party and has taken an active part in local public affairs, having served one term as trustee of Jackson township, to the entire satisfaction of his constituents. He and his wife are earnest members of the Hannegan Church of Christ and give their support to every worthy benevolent or charitable object.

GEORGE KATSAROS AND MICHAEL KATSAROS, proprietors of an admirable confectionery store at Rushville and brothers, are natives of Argos, Greece, the former born on November 22, 1892, and the latter on September 22, 1891. They received their educational training in the public schools of their native locality, and in the days of their youth devoted their energies to the pursuits of farming. George Katsaros came to the United States in 1909 and settled at Richmond, Ind., where he secured employment in a confectionery store, and during the nine months that he was there familiarized himself to some extent with the business, as well as with American customs and the language of his new country. He then came to Rushville, where he worked at the same business for one year, at the end of which time the establishment was purchased by his brother, Michael, who was George's employer until March 1, 1916. The brothers then formed a partnership that has existed to the present time, although George then went to Elwood, Ind., where he took charge of the same kind of an establishment. The demands of the World war caused his return to Rushville. His brother Michael had been accepted in the United States service, October 5, 1917, and George was needed at Rushville to manage the business there. Michael Katsaros became a member of Company L, Hundred and Thirtieth Infantry, Thirty-third Division, and was in the service for two years, serving as a private during which time he saw fifteen months of overseas duty, and took part in a number of important and hard-fought engagements. Among his battles were Meuse-Argonne, September 20 to November 11, 1918; Somme-Amiens, with the Australian corps, July 6 to August 19; Verdun, September 25-26; Troyon, October 23 to November 12;; Chateau d'Aulnois, November 7; and Marcheville, November 10. After being honorably discharged, with a splendid record for valiant and faithful service, August 30, 1919, he returned to Rushville and again took up the business in partnership with his brother. They have developed an excellent trade among the best people of the city, to whom they are presenting superior goods and courteous service. The brothers are stalwart Republicans in their political allegiance, and their religion is that of the Greek church.

GEORGE H. BELL, a public-spirited citizen of Rush county, county commissioner-elect and a well-known livery man and horse dealer at Mays, was born in Center township, this county, on September 23, 1864, and is the son of James H. and Charity (Bell) Bell. The mother was born on July 31, 1837, and died on February 28,

1907. James H. Bell, who died in April, 1915, was born on November 19, 1839, in Butler county, Ohio, and came to Rush county at the age of twenty-three years, spending the remainder of his life here engaged in farming, in which he was successful. To him and his wife were born seven children, one of whom died in infancy, the others being as follows: Albert, born on September 5, 1862; George H., the immediate subject of this review; Hettie; Charles, born on July 12, 1867; Hattie and John, born on November 8, 1871. The subject of this sketch received his education in the public schools of Center township and after completing his education he devoted himself to work on his father's farm until 1891, when he engaged in the gas business for several years. He then returned to Center township and farmed eighty acres of land which he had bought and which he has since increased to 160 acres. Here he not only carries on general farming, but he also gives considerable attention to the raising of live stock, specializing in horses and hogs. He feeds out from 400 to 700 hogs a year. About 1900 Mr. Bell moved to Mays and engaged in the livery business, in which he has been successful, and in connection with which he buys and sells horses, having handled a large number of animals in the past fifteen or twenty years. He keeps his farm well improved and it is among the most productive farms of this locality. In 1900 Mr. Bell was married to Stella F. Jackson, who was born and reared in Rush county, the daughter of William and Amanda (Sherry) Jackson, and they have one child, Helen A., who, after completing her studies in the school at Mays, is now a student in Belmont Academy, at Nashville, Tennessee. Politically, Mr. Bell has been a lifelong supporter of the Republican party and has taken an active interest in public affairs. At the recent general election he was elected a member of the board of county commissioners and will take his seat on the board in 1922. Fraternally, he is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. A man of judgment, sound discretion and good business ability, he has managed his affairs with tactful success and has so impressed his individuality upon the community as to gain recognition as one of its leading citizens.

EMORY J. POWER. Among the farmers of recognized moral and material worth whose labors have largely helped to develop the interests of Anderson township, is Emory J. Power, who has passed his entire life in his present community. Mr. Power was born in Anderson township, June 29, 1857, a son of John and Mary A. (Smisor) Power, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of Ohio. John Power was reared and educated in Kentucky, and as a young man came to Rush county alone, here marrying Miss Smisor, who had accompanied her parents to this region. They settled in Anderson township, where Mr. Power accumulated 140 acres of land, on which he carried on operations until his death in middle life, in 1858. There were ten children in the family of whom six are now living: John, Boone, Frank, George, Daniel and Emory. Emory J. Power received his education in the rural schools of

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Anderson township, and upon leaving his studies took up farming on the home place, where he remained until reaching the age of twenty-one years. At that time he embarked upon an independent career with the purchase of eighty acres of land, but later disposed of this property and bought another farm of 127 acres, which formed the nucleus for his present property. He now owns 212 acres, all situated in Anderson township, which he has devoted to general farming and the raising of live stock, feeding about 150 hogs annually. Mr. Power has retired somewhat from active affairs, and since 1919 has been renting a portion of his property. He has gained his success through honorable methods, and is entitled to the esteem and respect in which he is universally held. Mr. Power maintains an independent attitude upon political questions and gives the support of his ballot to the man he deems best fitted for service regardless of party lines. He and the members of his family belong to the Methodist Episcopal church at Milroy. Mr. Power married Harriet Allison, daughter of Mrs. Lucy Allison, and she died leaving two children: Albert, who married Bernice Sonnebaum; and Lucy, who married Elmer Harrison and has two children, Marjorie and Cecil. After the death of his first wife, Mr. Power married Mary Ellen Spurgeon, daughter of Joseph and Hester Ann (Layton) Spurgeon, and to this union two children have been born, Lavonne, who is unmarried and is living on the home farm, and LeLillie, who died in infancy. Mrs. Power's father, Joseph Spurgeon, was in his day one of the influential men and large land owners of Anderson township, a part of his land being that which constitutes the Power farm, the old Spurgeon home place. He was born in this county, a member of one of the pioneer families, and lived here all his life. Joseph Spurgeon was twice married. By his first wife, Hester Ann Layton, he had two children, Mrs. Power and Oscar N. Spurgeon. By his second wife, Julia Spohn, he had two children, Ira John and Daisy May.

HENRY P. METCALF, M. D., of New Salem, whose career has been that of a broad-minded, conscientious worker in the sphere to which his life and energies have been devoted and whose profound knowledge of his profession has won for him a leading place among the medical men of this section of the state, is a native son of the old Blue Grass state, having been born in Garrard county, Kentucky, on April 18, 1856, and is a son of Adron and Mary (Morgan) Metcalf, the former a native of North Carolina and the latter of Kentucky. Adron Metcalf remained in his native state until eighteen years of age, when he moved to Kentucky, locating in Garrard county, where he followed the vocation of farming. Eventually he bought a tract of land, which he cleared and developed into a good farm, on which he resided up to the time of his death, which occurred in May, 1913. At one time he was the owner of 1,100 acres of land and he held a position of considerable prominence and influence in his community. He was the father of eleven children, of whom seven are

living, but the subject of this review is the only one living in Indiana. Henry P. Metcalf received his elementary education in the common schools of Garrard county, Kentucky, and after completing his studies he went into a logging camp in eastern Kentucky, where he worked for two years, hauling logs with ox teams. He then entered the employ of the Asher Lumber Company, of Ford, Kentucky, where for a year he worked as timber inspector. The subject then matriculated in the medical department of the University of Louisville, where, in 1882, he received his degree of Doctor of Medicine. He immediately located at Paint Lick, Kentucky, where he practiced his profession about four years, and then moved to Richmond, Ky., where he remained until 1894. Doctor Metcalf then came to Indiana and for six years was engaged in the practice at Mays, Rush county, followed by twelve years at Andersonville, and then, in 1912, he located in New Salem, where he now resides. Doctor Metcalf enjoys a large practice, in which he has been uniformly successful, and he is popular throughout the community. Doctor Metcalf was married to Savannah Lewis, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Lewis, and they became the parents of eight children, of whom five are now living, namely: Henry Carter, who served in the United States army in France as a first lieutenant of the Medical Corps, and is now engaged in the practice of medicine at Connersville, Ind., married Alma Helman and they have one child, Henry Thomas; George, who also is a physician, also served a year as first lieutenant in the Medical Corps of the United States army; he married Arneta Pepper and they have one child, Philip J.; Margaret became the wife of Sumner King and they have one child, Robert Sumner; Aboline became the wife of William Cloud and they have one child, Thurman; Helen is attending school in New Salem; John Gilbert and Presshia are deceased and one died in infancy. Doctor Metcalf is a member of the Rush County Medical Society, the Indiana State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. Fraternally, he is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, and politically, is a supporter of the Democratic party. He and his family are identified with the Christian church, of which he has been an elder. The Doctor is an earnest supporter of every movement for the advancement of the general welfare.

NATHAN I. PRICE, one of the intelligent contributors to the development of his community, a substantial farmer of Ripley township and a member of the board of directors of the Arlington Bank, and a stockholder in the Bank of Carthage, was born in Posey township, this county, May 28, 1863, a son of John and Sarah (Leisure) Price, and his entire life has been passed within the boundaries of this county, he being at present a large landholder of Ripley township. John Price was born in 1812 in Fleming county, Kentucky, where he was reared, educated and trained in farming, and remained in his native community until reaching the age of thirty-two years, when he came to Rush county and settled in Posey township, on a farm which later became known as the Price homestead. Here he passed the balance of his life in farming, and through industry and

good management became one of the well-to-do men of his locality. He married in Rush county, Sarah, daughter of George and Lucinda (Meyers) Leisure, substantial farming people of Rush county, and to this union there were born five children, Jane, Nathan I., George W., Samantha and Basil T., the last three-named being deceased. Nathan I. Price received his education in the public schools of Posey township and at Carthage, and as a youth was well drilled in the science of farming in association with and under the teachings of his father. In 1886 he was married, and at that time moved to Ripley township, where he purchased a farm of sixty acres. This proved to be the nucleus of his present handsome property of 280 acres, all accumulated through his good management and unremitting industry. Mr. Price had a modern farm, equipped with substantial buildings and the last improved equipment of all kinds, and his operations as a general farmer and stock raiser are conducted in a manner that leaves no doubt as to his ability and progressive ideas. He has also been interested in other matters of a business and financial character, having been one of the founders of the Arlington Bank, of which he is a stockholder and director, in addition to being a stockholder in the Bank of Carthage. In politics he is a supporter of the Democratic party and has shown some interest in public affairs. In 1914 he was a candidate of his party for the office of county commissioner. With his family, he belongs to the Christian church, and his fraternal connection is with the lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Carthage. In 1886 Mr. Price married Belle Downey, who was born in Rush county, daughter of Archibald and Sarah Downey, and they had one child, now Mrs. John Dagler, of Newcastle, Ind. After the death of his first wife, Nathan I. Price married Mrs. Emma J. Mercer, of New Salem, Ind.

ELMER E. ELLISON, a successful farmer of Rush county, whose fine farm is eligibly located in Jackson township, was born in Rushville township, this county, on January 20, 1862, and is the son of William J. and Sarah E. (Duke) Ellison. He was educated in Walker township, attending district school No. 6.. After completing his schooling, he gave his attention to the cultivation of the home farm with his father, with whom he remained until his marriage, in 1890, when he rented the home farm and continued to operate it as a renter until his father's death, at which time the interests of the heirs was bought up by the subject's brother, Marshall. The subject then rented the adjoining farm, but three years later he bought eighty acres of land in Walker township, which he sold about seven years later at a substantial profit. During the following two years Mr. Ellison rented and operated one of the Lon Mull farms in Walker township, but at the end of that period, 1905, he bought the place where he now lives in Jackson township. His first purchase was 100 acres, to which he added eighty-three acres three years later, and in 1919 he bought seventy-four acres, thus giving him total land holdings of 257 acres. On this land he carries on general farming operations, raising all the crops common to this locality, and also giving

attention to live stock, raising about 250 head of the big type Poland China hogs each year. He keeps his farm well improved and it is now one of the most productive and attractive farms in Jackson township. On November 5, 1890, Mr. Ellison was married to Nellie Gardner, who was born and reared in Walker township, the daughter of Marion and Margaret (Hurst) Gardner. To Mr. and Mrs. Ellison have been born three children, namely: John W., who is a farmer in Center township, Rush county, married Elsie S. Newhouse; Robert M., who is unmarried and remains at home, and Margaret E., who became the wife of Clarence E. Ruby, a farmer in Jackson township, and has one child, Lowell Ellison. Mr. and Mrs. Ellison are earnest members of the Christian church. Politically, Mr. Ellison gives his support to the Republican party and for eight continuous years he has served as a member of the Jackson township advisory board.

DON C. BROOKS, one of the most prominent and prosperous farmers of Rush county, the owner of 678 acres of valuable land in Noble, Richland, Union and Rushville townships, is a man of broad and practical knowledge and of progressive and energetic spirit. He was born in Noble township, where he now makes his home, October 28, 1871, son and only child of Mosely and Harriet R. (Thompson) Brooks, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of Indiana. When Mosely Brooks came to Indiana in 1851, he located in Noble township, where he farmed for a number of years and then engaged in the pork-packing business at Laurel, Ind., and Cincinnati, Ohio, although he retained his residence in Rush county all his life, dying here in May, 1873. His widow, who was his second wife, survived him until 1916. Don C. Brooks was given good educational advantages, first attending the schools of Noble township, later Graham Academy at Rushville and then the Richmond (Ind.) Business College. After leaving the latter he returned home and took up farming, a vocation in which he has since been engaged with constantly increasing success. He now has 678 acres in Noble, Rushville, Richland and Union townships, and the greater part of the improvements thereon, including three complete sets of buildings, have all been made by himself. He rents out the greater part of his land, operating 205 acres himself in Noble township, and feeds out about 100 head of hogs a year. Mr. Brooks is a Republican. He holds membership in the Knights of Pythias lodge at Rushville and is a member of the Little Flat Rock Christian Church, of which he was a trustee for a number of years. In April, 1919, Mr. Brooks married Dorothy E. Roach, daughter of Charles and Carrie Roach.

EZEKIEL M. JONES, sheriff of Rush county, triumphed over early disadvantages and won a high place in the confidence and esteem of his fellow citizens. Mr. Jones was born in Fleming county, Kentucky, March 12, 1863, a son of Thomas J. and Amelia (Freeman) Jones, natives of the same county, where the father was a country school teacher during the greater part of his life. The parents died

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when their son, Ezekiel M., was still a boy. Of their eight children, five are living: Ella, Robert G., William F., Ben F. and Ezekiel M. Ezekiel M. Jones acquired somewhat limited educational advantages in his boyhood, and when still a youth began to make his own way by working as a hired hand on farms in his native county. He was but eighteen years of age when he came to Rush county, in 1881, and here continued to work as a farm hand until 1899, when he enlisted in the United States army for service in the Philippine Islands, where he spent two years. Mustered out of the service in 1901, he came back to Rush county, where he began farming for himself and bought the eighty-acre tract which he still owns in Ripley township. This he cultivated until 1918, when he was elected sheriff of Rush county on the Republican ticket. He has proven a fearless, efficient and conscientious official and has established an excellent record in his high and responsible office. Mr. Jones was married on September 8, 1901, to Anna Fliehart, who was born and educated in Rush county, daughter of Hugh S. and Abigail (Beale) Fliehart, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of this county. Mr. Fliehart was an agriculturist throughout his life, and spent a long period in Posey township, Rush county, where he was the owner of 300 acres of valuable land. Mr. and Mrs. Jones are consistent members of the Arlington Methodist Church, and Mr. Jones is one of the influential Republicans of Rush county.

RAYMOND L. BLOUNT, one of the enterprising farmers of Center township, and a member of the advisory board of that township, was born in Posey township, Rush county, on March 29, 1880, and is the son of Rev. Jacob B. and Josephine (Martindale) Blount, both of whom were born and reared in Tipton county, Indiana. They both attended the Northwestern Christian University, now Butler College, at Indianapolis. The subject's father was a man of strong character and marked mental ability, held the office of county superintendent of schools of Rush county for some time during the '70s and '80s and was for years a minister of the Christian church, for years one of the foremost figures in that communion in this section of the state. To him and his wife were born eight children, six of whom are living, namely: Maude B., Elsie F., Zula M., Ralph D., Raymond L. and Glenn A. Raymond L. Blount attended the common schools of Posey and Washington township through the tenth grade, which was as far as was taught in those schools, and thereafter he applied himself to work on a farm in Washington township, which he farmed on the shares for about four years. About this time he was married and turned his attention to the cultivation of a farm of forty-six acres which his wife had inherited. To this he later added by purchase sixty-three acres, making a total acreage of 109 acres in Center township. On this place he carries on general farming operations and stock raising. In the latter line, he specializes on the big-type Poland China hogs for breeding purposes, all of his animals being registered. He is energetic and up-to-date in his methods and has honestly merited the prosperity which has crowned

his efforts. On June 18, 1902, Mr. Blount was married to Serena Rhodes, who was born in Center township, Rush county, on February 16, 1880, and received a good high school education. She is the daughter of Lewis R. and Elizabeth (Leisure) Rhodes. To Mr. and Mrs. Blount have been born four children, Gladys, Beulah, Elizabeth and Mildred. Politically, Mr. Blount is an ardent supporter of the Democratic party and has taken an active interest in local public affairs, having served as a member of the township advisory board during the past two years. Fraternally, he is a member of Lodge No. 99 and Encampment No. 48 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Knightstown. He and his wife are members of the Center Christian church.

WILLIAM C. MITCHELL, during his lifetime one of the leading agriculturists of Noble township, was a man of high character and when he died his community lost a good citizen. He was born in Rush county and died in Noble township, April 29, 1879. His parents, Thomas and Amanda Mitchell, were both natives of Kentucky who came to Rush county at an early day, entering land in Noble township, on which they lived and reared their family. They were farmers all their lives and died in Noble township. William C. Mitchell attended the schools of Noble township and began working on the home farm as soon as he was old enough to do so. He continued to reside on this farm until his demise which occurred seven years after his marriage. He married Irma, daughter of Alfred and Elizabeth (Looney) White. Mrs. White was a daughter of Peter and Jane Looney. Alfred White and his wife were both born in Kentucky, from which state his parents brought him to Fayette county, Indiana, and there he grew to manhood and learned the trade of a brick mason, which he followed all of his life. In young manhood he located in Rush county, and made the brick and built the residences of a great many of the people of his day and vicinity, all of which are still standing, so substantially are they constructed. Mr. and Mrs. White had two children, namely: Mrs. Mitchell and Peter Nelson, but the latter is now deceased. Mrs. Mitchell is a member of Little Flat Rock Christian Church, and is held in high esteem in that congregation. Mr. Mitchell was a Mason and lived up to the highest ideals of that fraternity.

HENRY G. CONAWAY, who is well and favorably known among the progressive agriculturists and public-spirited citizens of Rush county, is the owner of a well-cultivated property situated in Ripley township. Mr. Conaway is a native of Rush county, having been born on his father's farm in Posey township, February 14, 1868, a son of John M. and Zenith (Ball) Conaway. His father, a native of Kentucky, came to Rush county in young manhood and here passed the remainder of his life in the pursuits of farming, becoming the owner of 240 acres of land. He was a man of general worth, who occupied a high place in the esteem and confidence of those among whom his career was passed. He and his wife were the parents of eight children, of whom two survive, Leona and Henry G. Henry G. Conaway

received his education in the public schools of Posey township, principally at the Conaway schoolhouse, so named because of its proximity to the Conaway home. After completing his studies he began his farming career as a hand in the fields of the neighboring agriculturists, and continued to be thus employed until his marriage, at which time he rented the home farm. After one year as a renter from his father, he moved with Mrs. Conaway to the home of his father-in-law, William H. Nelson, a tract of eighty acres in the same township, and there remained for fifteen years, during which time he carried on operations as a renter. Disposing of his interests, he went to Colorado, but found conditions there not to his liking and accordingly returned to Rush county and for about eighteen months made his home at Arlington. He then secured his present farm of forty acres in Ripley township, where he has made numerous improvements and has substantial buildings, high-grade equipment and a good grade of live stock. He has devoted himself to general farming and his industry and good management have combined to make his operations a success. Mrs. Conaway is the owner of 205 acres of valuable land in Posey township, now being operated by tenants. On December 31, 1891, Mr. Conaway was united in marriage with Mertie M. Nelson, who was born in Posey township, daughter of William H. and Elizabeth (Adams) Nelson. Mr. and Mrs. Conaway are members of the Christian church, belonging to the congregation at Carthage. Politically a Republican, Mr. Conaway is a stanch supporter of his party's principles, but has not sought the honors of public office, having been content to express his good citizenship through his co-operation in worthy civic movements.

CHARLES J. CARON, whose name, in the minds of the people of Rushville, is indissolubly connected with the manufacture and sale of candies, ice cream and sweetmeats, has been identified as proprietor of the Caron Confectionary, now one of the city's thriving enterprises, since 1902. Mr. Caron was born at Union City, Ind., July 12, 1868, a son of John and Lydia (Romiser) Caron. John Caron was born in Darke county, Ohio, and as a young man went to Randolph county, Indiana, settling at Union City, where he was employed for many years as a finisher in a furniture factory. Mrs. Caron was a native of Randolph county, and they were the parents of eight children, of whom four are living: Peter, Edward, Mary and Charles J. Charles J. Caron was educated in the parochial schools of Union City, and on leaving school took up the trade of cabinet-maker, which he followed for about twenty years. In 1902 he came to Rushville and opened his present establishment on North Main street, having now been in the same location for nearly twenty years, although on several occasions he has found it necessary to rearrange his establishment and to make additions thereto in order to meet with the demands of a constantly increasing business. He now operates an ice cream factory with a capacity of 300 gallons daily, and manufactures all the ice cream which he sells, in addition to making most of the candy handled in his establishment. He does both a wholesale and retail

business, and close study of his business has given him many secrets of composition which add to the delicacy and piquancy of his products, which are high in favor with the people of Rushville and the surrounding communities. Mr. Caron is a Democrat in politics. He belongs to the Rushville Rotary Club, and as a fraternalist holds membership in Rushville Council, No. 764, and fourth degree of Indianapolis Knights of Columbus; and Rushville Lodge, No. 1307, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. With his family, he belongs to St. Mary's Catholic church of Rushville. In June, 1897, Mr. Caron married Helen Wallace, born at Union City, Ind., and educated in the parochial school there, a daughter of Patrick and Helen (Leary) Wallace, Mr. Wallace being a road contractor. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Wallace, all of whom are living, James, Edward, John, William, Catherine, Daisy, Mary and Helen. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Caron: Jerome, who served about fifteen months as a member of Company K, Thirtieth Infantry, Third Division, during the World war and participated in numerous battles, including Champagne, Marne, Aisne-Marne, St. Mihiel, Meuse and Argonne, and is now associated with his father in business; Lester, who is also assisting his father in conducting the business; Cyril, who is taking civil engineering and chemistry courses at Purdue University; and Katherine, who is attending Ursiline Academy, at St. Martins, Ohio.

CHARLES E. KINCAID, one of the well known and successful farmers of Richland township, not only has achieved success along steady lines of action, but has also been deeply interested in the advancement of the locality. Mr. Kincaid, who operates a splendid farm of 240 acres, is a native son of the old Hoosier state, having been born in Decatur county on May 17, 1868, and is the son of John C. and Sarah (Patterson) Kincaid, the former a native of Decatur county, Indiana, and the latter born in the state of Kentucky. John C. Kincaid was reared to manhood in his native county, and was there married. After following agricultural pursuits there for a number of years, he engaged in the general mercantile business at Clarksburg, which commanded his attention for a number of years. He is now living in Kokomo, Ind., where he is following the carpenter trade. He is descended from sterling old Kentucky stock, from which state in an early day came his paternal grandfather, John Kincaid, who entered land in Decatur county and there spent the remainder of his days. His son, David, father of John C. Kincaid, also lived and died on that farm. To John C. and Sarah Kincaid were born fourteen children, of whom eleven are living, namely: Charles E., Samuel, Nora, Clyde, Bertha, Clinton, John, Cora, Albert, India and William. Charles E. Kincaid spent his boyhood days on the paternal homestead and received his education in the schools of that locality. For several years he was employed in his father's general store at Clarksburg, after which he bought and for a short time operated a store in Shelby

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county. Then, following his marriage, he located on the farm where he now lives and which he operated for eleven years. During the following eight years he operated a hotel and livery barn in Clarksburg, at the end of that time returning to his farm, to which he has continuously since devoted his attention. He also gives considerable attention to the breeding and raising of live stock. Progressive and up-to-date in his methods, he is considered one of the most enterprising farmers in Richland township and occupies a deservedly high position in the esteem of his fellow citizens. Mr. Kincaid was married to Pearl Moore, the daughter of Jasper and Mary (Stevens) Moore, and to them have been born two children, Ralph, who is now pursuing the agricultural course in Purdue University, and Sanford, who is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Kincaid are members of the Christian church, while fraternally, Mr. Kincaid belongs to the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he has attained the degrees of the council, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. In political affairs, he gives his support to the Democratic party and he takes an intelligent part in all movements for the general welfare. Mrs. Kincaid also was born in Decatur county, of which her parents for years were residents. Her father, Jasper Moore, was born in Hamersville, Ohio, and her mother (Mary Stevens) was born in the vicinity of Milford, Ky. Following their marriage in Kentucky, Jasper Moore and his wife came to Indiana and located in Rush county in 1852, Mr. Moore becoming engaged in farming here. He presently moved to Cincinnati and was there a number of years engaged in business with the George Biglow dry goods house, later returning to Indiana and locating at Clarksburg, where he opened a general store and continued thus engaged at that place the remainder of his life. He and his wife were the parents of eight children, of whom but two are now living, Mrs. Kincaid and her brother, Rufus S. Moore.

CHARLES R. OLDHAM, one of the successful agriculturists and respected citizens of Center township, this county, is a native of the township now honored by his citizenship and was born on December 7, 1859. His parents were James and Levina (Moffitt) Oldham, the former a native of Tennessee and the latter of Knox county, Ohio. Both were brought to Rush county in childhood by their respective parents and were here reared and educated. James Oldham followed the vocation of farming throughout his active life and from the time of his marriage until death he lived on the farm now occupied by the subject of this sketch. He was eighty-one years of age at the time of his death. He owned 180 acres of land in Center township, Rush county, and eighty acres in Randolph county, Indiana. To him and his wife were born eight children, five of whom are living, namely: Mollie, Ella, Charles R., Lillie and Chester. Charles R. Oldham received a good practical education, having attended the common schools of Center township, the school at Mays, and then two years at Spiceland Academy. On completing his studies he turned his

attention to farming, devoting his energies to the home farm up to within a year of his marriage, when he went to Ringgold county, Iowa. Returning to Rush county a year later, he was married and then for two years he operated rented land in Center township, but once more he went to Iowa, where he remained about four years. Returning to Indiana, he located on rented land in Hancock county, where he remained for about five years, at the end of which time he bought eighty acres of land, which he sold three years later. For two years he rented land, and then bought 100 acres in Center township, which he still owns. On the death of his father he bought the old homestead farm, consisting of 180 acres of excellent land and where he now lives, thus giving him a total of 280 acres of land. Mr. Oldham and his sons operate all this land and have been rewarded through the years by a satisfactory measure of success. He carries on general farming operations and also gives some attention to live stock, feeding about two carloads of hogs annually. On February 28, 1884, Mr. Oldham was married to Martha Huddleson, a native of Center township and the daughter of John J. and Elizabeth (Turner) Huddleson, the former of whom was a farmer and the owner of 100 acres of land in Center township. To Mr. and Mrs. Oldham have been born five children, four of whom are living, namely: Herschel, a farmer in Center township, who married Nellie Heiner; Ralph; Clarence, and Ruby, wife of Marion Stoten, of Knightstown, Indiana. Mr. Oldham is an earnest member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Spiceland, Ind., while his political faith is that of the Republican party.

HARRY E. STAGER, whose fortunes since 1889 have been identified with Rush county and who at present is the owner of a well-cultivated property in Ripley township, a community in which he is held in high esteem, was born at Jonestown, Lebanon county, Pennsylvania, November 25, 1862, a son of Henry and Mary E. (Roebuck) Stager. His father, who in early life was a teacher and later turned his attention to the wood-turner's trade, enlisted during the early days of the Civil war in an infantry regiment of volunteers from Pennsylvania, and took part in the battle of Bull Run. Contracting disease while in the service, he returned to his home and there passed away while still a young man. Harry E. Stager acquired a public school education at Jonestown, and as a youth learned the vocation of miller, which he followed for some eighteen years. It was while he was thus employed that he came to Rush county in 1889, and continued to interest himself in this line for several years thereafter. He then turned his attention to the creamery business, and for seven years was successful in conducting the creamery at Carthage, at the end of that period disposing of his interests and purchasing his present farm in Ripley township, a tract of ninety-four acres which he has continued to cultivate. Mr. Stager is industrious, progressive and enterprising and has combined these qualities with good management in a way that has brought him well-merited success. He has substantial and attractive buildings and modern equipment and in every way is considered representative of the best

agricultural element of the community. On March 31, 1891, Mr. Stager was united in marriage to Sallie R. Gear, who was born at Carthage, a daughter of Henry and Mary E. (Hill) Gear, well-known and highly respected farming people of this county. She received her education in the public schools of Carthage and at Earlham College, Richmond, Ind., and is a woman of superior attainments. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Stager: Mary Inis, who married Allen T. Blackledge, of Rush county, and has one child, Betty, and Henry G., who is unmarried and assists his father on the home farm. Mr. Stager, the elder, belongs to the Carthage lodge of the Masonic fraternity. With his family, he holds membership in the Carthage Methodist Church, and in politics he is a Republican.

THEODORE HUMPHREY, a substantial farmer of Richland township, is a native son of the old Hoosier state, having been born in Union county, Indiana, on April 25, 1846, and he is the son of Robert and Margaret (Crist) Humphrey, both of whom also were natives of Indiana, the father having been born in Union county and the mother in Franklin county. On the paternal side the subject is descended from sterling old Scottish stock, his grandfather having been John G. Humphrey. Robert Humphrey grew to manhood, received his early education and was married in his native county. He followed farming pursuits there until 1848, when he located in Decatur county, where he bought a farm, to the operation of which he devoted himself thereafter, excepting one year when he farmed in Franklin county. He was the owner of 100 acres of land. To him and his wife were born four children, of whom the only survivors now are the subject of this sketch and a sister, Amanda. Theodore Humphrey attended the schools of Decatur county and on attaining mature years took up farming on the home place, his father having died some years previously. He remained with his mother until he was twenty-nine years of age, when he married and came to Rush county. He first began his farming operations here on rented land, and so continued for thirteen years. He then bought his first farm of eighty acres and so successful was he in its operations and so wise his management that he was enabled to increase his land holdings to 240 acres, all in Richland township. He made many permanent and substantial improvements on his land, which he devoted to general agricultural purposes and stock raising, and gained a high reputation as a progressive and enterprising farmer. He has been retired from active business pursuits since 1910 and is now enjoying the fruits of his former years of toil. In 1875 Mr. Humphrey was married to Elizabeth J. Stephenson, who was born in Anderson township, Rush county, the daughter of Newton and Rosanna (Mitchell) Stephenson, both of whom also were natives of this state. Newton Stephenson was a farmer by vocation, having farmed on rented land in Anderson township and also farmed in Tipton and Boone counties, this state. To him and his wife were born five children, of whom Mrs. Humphrey is now the only survivor. To Mr. and Mrs. Humphrey have been born four children, namely: Robert, who married Margaret

Dickinson and has three children, Guy, Bertha and Dale; Grace, a professional nurse, who was graduated from the Frankfort Hospital, at Philadelphia, Pa.; Frank, who married Bessie Brickler and has two children, Harold and Dorothy; Mattie, who died at the age of seventeen years. Mr. Humphrey and his family are members of the Spring Hill United Presbyterian Church of which he is an elder. Politically, he is a Democrat.

GEORGE W. DARNELL, whose residence in Anderson township covered a period of about a quarter of a century, was a well-known farmer and stock raiser and a citizen honored for the conscientious discharge of his duties in whatever walk of life he pursued. His death, therefore, December 1, 1910, was sincerely and generally mourned. Mr. Darnell was born on December 25, 1862, in Scott county, Kentucky, a son of James and Mary Darnell, both natives of the Blue Grass state, and farmers who passed their entire lives in Scott county, Kentucky. Of the children of James Darnell and wife only two came to Rush county, George W. and his brother, John Darnell, who now resides near Falmouth. George W. Darnell received his education in the district schools of his native state, and when his training in this direction had been completed took up farming as an employe of others. He was past his majority when he came to Rush county and for a time worked in the fields as a hand, but at the time of his marriage began farming on his own account, and two years later located on the property in Anderson township upon which was spent the balance of his life. Mr. Darnell was a Democrat, a faithful member of the Christian church at Milroy, and affiliated with the lodge of the Modern Woodmen of America. He was united in marriage with Ella Barton, daughter of James A. and Lucinda (Amos) Barton, and to this union there were born four children: James Clarence, who married Mabel Foster and has four children, Mildred, Kenneth, Morine and Lorene; Mary E., who is unmarried; Clara Barton, who married John Vansickle and has two children, Dorothy Mae and Earl; and J. Albert, who is unmarried and resides on the home farm. Mrs. Darnell was born on the farm on which she now lives, in Anderson township. Her father, a native of Kentucky, came to Rush county as a young man, here met and married Mrs. Barton, a native of Rush county, and passed the rest of his life here in agricultural operations. There were five children in the Barton family, of whom two survive: Mrs. Darnell, and Lura, who married Henry Davis. Mrs. Darnell is a helpful member of the Christian church at Milroy.

CHARLES B. KENNER is one of the prosperous farmers of Noble township, who finds it profitable to feed his grain to cattle and hogs, and is making a success of his agricultural labors. He was born in Brown county, Ohio, January 31, 1858, son of William L. and Mary (Bordon) Kenner, both of whom were also born in Ohio. William L. Kenner was reared, educated and married in his native state. He

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learned the carpenter trade, and from that went into ship building work, and in the latter connection went to Covington, Ky., living in that city from 1858 until 1866 when he came to Rush county, located in Noble township, and here began farming, alternating work at that calling with carpentering until his death which occurred in 1872. His widow survived him until 1890, when she passed away. While he farmed to quite an extent in Noble township, he rented his land. He and his wife had nine children, seven of whom survive, namely: William Taylor, Belle, William Frank, Charles B., Ella, Dan and Ralph. Charles B. Kenner attended the country schools of Rush county until old enough to work out as a farm hand in the summer and a sawmill operator in the winter, and he continued to follow these two occupations for seven years. At the end of that time he was married, and then began farming, for twelve years renting land for that purpose. He and his wife then inherited the homestead of 135 acres of land from her father's estate, all of which is in Noble township, and moved to it, and here they have since resided. Mr. Kenner raises about forty-five acres of corn and the same amount of small grain, and feeds it to hogs and cattle, feeding out from 100 to 150 head of hogs annually. All his life he has been a general farmer and stockraiser and believes that his land is best adapted to the purposes to which he devotes it. Mr. Kenner married Priscilla, daughter of John S. and Priscilla (Thompson) Looney, and they became the parents of five children, namely: Ray, who is the eldest; Grace, who married Harry Armstrong and has two children, Charles Borden and Robert Allen; Clarence, who married Rhoda Applegate and has one child, Marcella; Arthur, who married Bessie Baring; and Louise, who is deceased. In politics Mr. Kenner is a Republican and he is a member of Little Flat Rock Christian Church.

FRANK HUBER, one of the well-known agriculturists of Center township, this county, was born in that township on March 12, 1879, the son of Fred and Katherine (Hoff) Huber, the former a native of Franklin county, Indiana, and the latter of Dearborn county, Indiana. The father followed farming all his life, in Center township during the major portion of this time, being the owner of eighty acres of land. He and his wife were the parents of five children, all of whom are living, namely: Claude, Elizabeth, Cora, Mable and Frank. The last named was educated in the common schools of Center township and after leaving school turned his attention to agriculture, working on the home farm up to the time of his marriage. After the latter event he worked by the month as a farm hand for about a year and then began to operate rented land, in which method he still continues, now renting his father-in-law's farm of 100 acres in Center township. He also owns twenty-five acres of land in that township. He is a thoroughly practical and painstaking farmer and carries on a general line of operations, raising all the crops common to this locality. He also gives due attention to that most valuable adjunct of the up-to-date farm, live stock, raising about sixty head of hogs a year. He keeps the place in good repair and is considered a good farmer. In

1898 Mr. Huber was married to Elsie Lyons, who was born and reared in Center township, the daughter of Charles and Florence (Downey) Lyons, both of whom also are natives of Rush county. Mrs. Lyons was a cultured and well educated woman, having supplemented her public school education by attendance at a normal school at Xenia, Ohio. Mr. Lyons was a farmer and stock-buyer, having bought stock over much of the surrounding country. He was successful and owned 125 acres of land in Center township. To him and his wife were born three children, Blaine, Nellie and Elsie. To Mr. and Mrs. Huber have been born three children, namely: Pauline, who is the wife of Clay Shields, a farmer in Center township; Carroll and Margaret, who are attending school. Politically, Mr. Huber is a stanch supporter of the Republican party and gives his influence toward the advancement of every enterprise or movement for the general welfare.

D. D. BALL. It is a well authenticated fact that success comes not at the caprice of chance, but as the legitimate result of well-applied energy, unflagging determination and perseverance in a definite course of action. The subject of this sketch sought no royal road to success, but has followed the well-beaten paths of those who have won in the battle of life along legitimate lines. As county agent of Rush county he is today giving a service to the community of inestimable value and second in importance to no other line of effort. D. D. Ball was born in Rushville, Ind., on February 11, 1894, and is the son of James H. and Carrie M. (Overman) Ball, also natives of Rush county. Here the father was reared and educated and later took up farming and stock raising. He became a very successful breeder of Shorthorn cattle and Poland China hogs, and also was extensively engaged in the grain business here for some years. Several years ago he moved to Roswell, New Mexico, and later to Enid, Okla., where he now resides. To him and his wife were born six children, namely: Myron O., Donald D., James R., Harold H., Cedric O. and Florence H. Donald D. Ball attended the public schools of Rushville up to the second year in high school, when the family moved to New Mexico. There he completed his high school course and then entered Purdue University, where he took the course in agriculture, receiving his degree from that institution in 1917. Soon afterward he was appointed county agent for Daviess county, Indiana, filling that position until 1920, when he was appointed county agent for Rush county, which position he is now filling to the entire satisfaction of all who are interested in the advancement and development of better farming methods and conditions. On February 11, 1919, Mr. Ball was married to Hazel Plummer, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Plummer, and they are the parents of one child, Anna Belle. Mr. and Mrs. Ball are active members of the Methodist Episcopal church in Rushville. He is a member of the college fraternities, Delta Tau and Alpha Zeta. Personally, Mr. Ball is genial and obliging in manner, gives evidence of a thorough knowledge of the subject which he has made his life work and has created a most excellent impression on those with whom he has worked or come into contact.

WESLEY S. CATT, a retired farmer of this county now living at Carthage and who is included among the old and honored citizens of Rush county who have rounded out more than four score years and are now passing the evening of life in comfortable retirement, was born on a farm in the neighboring county of Hancock, a son of Michael and Matilda (Hatton) Catt, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Kentucky. For the greater part of his life Michael Catt followed farming in Hancock county, where he was well known and highly esteemed. Wesley S. Catt received his education in the district schools of that county, after leaving which he worked on the home farm until reaching the age of twenty-one years. The call for troops for the Union army called him into the service at that time, and for three years he fought with the Ninety-ninth regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, as a private of Company B, establishing an excellent record as a brave and faithful soldier. Returning from the service with his honorable discharge, he again located on the home farm, where he remained until the death of his father, in the meantime having married. After the elder man's death, Mr. Catt's brother, Jacob Catt, bought the home place, which in turn was purchased by Wesley S. Catt, who continued its successful operation until his retirement, when he located at Carthage. At this time Mr. Catt's son, Noble S. Catt, owns and operates this property, which consists of eighty acres. During his career as an agriculturist Mr. Catt proved himself a capable and progressive farmer and kept fully abreast of the various advancements made in his calling. He won the esteem and confidence of his associates, and these qualities he possesses in his full share in the community in which he now makes his home. On September 1, 1865, Mr. Catt was united in marriage to Mary L. Clark, who was born in Hancock county, a daughter of James and Mary (West) Clark, and to this union there were born four children, Pauline, wife of Hiram Weed, of Elwood, Ind.; Laura B., wife of Charles Benson, a farmer of Ripley township, Rush county; Noble S., who is operating the farm in Hancock county, and Albert, deceased, formerly a farmer of Hancock county, who married Katherine Beaver, and had three children, Irine, Dorothy M. and Mary E. Mr. Catt is a member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to the blue lodge at Carthage, and in politics is a Democrat. He is a Methodist and holds membership in the church of that denomination at Willow Branch, Hancock county.

CHARLES M. TROWBRIDGE, one of the most successful farmers and stock breeders of Rush county, and a well-known citizen of Center township, is a native son of the county now honored by his citizenship, having been born in Center township on January 13, 1878, and is the son of James W. and Sarah H. (Gorman) Trowbridge, both of whom were born in this county and here spent their entire lives. James Trowbridge was a farmer by vocation, mostly in Center township, remaining actively engaged in that work until 1908, when he retired from active business and moved to Mays, where he now lives. He is the owner of 114 acres of land in Center township To him and his wife were born four children, of whom three are

living, A. Jesse, Charles M. and Herbert G.; Stella, who was born on February 27, 1879, died in May, 1916. The subject of this review received his educational training in the public schools of Center township, Carthage and Mays. He then engaged in teaching school, but after one year of this work, he turned his attention to farming, in which he achieved a pronounced success. He first purchased forty acres of land in Center township and to this later added another forty acres, so that his holdings now amount to eighty acres. He has made many permanent and substantial improvements on the place, which is now one of the best equipped and most attractive in the township. Practically all of the buildings have been erected by him, he has installed an up-to-date electric light plant and has hot and cold running water throughout the premises where desired. In addition to carrying on a general line of farming, Mr. Trowbridge gives special attention to the raising of fancy live stock, especially on pure-blooded Duroc Jersey hogs, in the breeding and raising of which he has met with much more than ordinary success, gaining a reputation which far transcends local boundaries. He raises about 120 head every year and holds two sales a year. His animals are registered and most of them go to the Southern states. Mr. Trowbridge's success and efforts in the handling of pure-bred stock has been recognized in his election to the presidency of the Indiana Duroc Swine Breeders' Association, in which position he is now serving. His farm, which is known as "Woodlawn Stock Farm," has gained a high standing among the leading farm plants of northern Rush county and Mr. Trowbridge is considered one of the most enterprising and progressive citizens of his locality. On May 17, 1899, Mr. Trowbridge was married to Ruby M. Moore, a native of Rush county and the daughter of James O. and Lucy (Souder) Moore, both also natives of this county. Mr. Moore was a farmer and owned eighty acres of land in Posey township. He and his wife had three children, Maude, Ruby and Jennie, the first-named being deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Trowbridge have a daughter, Lois M., who was born on November 17, 1908, and is now attending the Center school. Mr. and Mrs. Trowbridge are members of the Center Christian Church, of which he is a trustee. In his political views he is a Republican and takes a keen interest in public events, especially as relating to his county and community.

LARKIN DAVIS, one of the leading citizens of his community and eminently entitled to representation in a work of this character, whose fine farm is located in Richland township, was born in the neighboring county of Franklin on July 25, 1868, and is the son of Jefferson and Sarah (Thompson) Davis, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of New Jersey. Jefferson Davis was but a boy when his parents brought their family to Indiana. They entered land in Franklin county and established a farm, where Jefferson was reared to manhood. He was married there and later he bought a farm of 160 acres in that county and devoted himself to its operation until about 1880, when he sold out and bought 210 acres of land in Decatur county, along the Rush county line. There

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he made his home until a few years prior to his death, from which time he made his home with his daughter, Nancy, until his death, which occurred in 1913. His wife had passed away in 1900. They were the parents of eight children, six of whom are now living, namely: Jefferson, Mary, Nancy, Monroe, Larkin and John. Larkin Davis received his educational training in the public schools of Decatur county and since attaining manhood's years he has continuously applied himself to agricultural pursuits. He remained with his father until he had attained his majority, when he rented land and farmed on his own account for three years. He then bought the place on which he now lives, his first purchase comprising seventy acres, to which he has since added by purchase, until he is now the owner of 110 acres of land, lying in Rush and Decatur counties. Mr. Davis is an up-to-date and progressive farmer, adopting modern ideas and maintaining his farm at the highest standard of excellence. He carries on general farming operations and also gives some attention to live stock, annually feeding about seventy-five hogs. On October 2, 1890, Mr. Davis was married to Lulu Hite, the daughter of George W. and Elizabeth Hite, but, after a happy union of almost a quarter of a century Mrs. Davis passed away on September 23, 1915. Mr. Davis is an earnest supporter of the Republican party, and his influence is always given to the advancement of every movement for the advancement of the general welfare. Because of his business success and his consistent life, he has richly earned the high place he occupies in the esteem of the entire community.

LAWRENCE L. ALLEN, a well known grocer at Rushville, who has been prominently identified with the business life of that city for years and has spent the most active part of his life in this county, whose interests he has ever had at heart, is progressive in all that term implies and yet is straightforward and unassuming in all the relations of life. Mr. Allen was born in Putnam county, Indiana, on February 17, 1880, and is the son of William H. and Margaret (Lovett) Allen. He received a good practical education in the common and high schools of Greencastle, Indiana, and shortly after leaving school, at the outbreak of the Spanish-American war, he enlisted in the One Hundred and Fifty-ninth regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, with which he served about ten months. After his discharge from the army Mr. Allen went to Chicago, where for about five years he was connected with the grain business. He then came to Rushville and engaged in the grocery business, with which he has been identified continuously ever since. He began business in a modest way at his present location, starting with one boy as a helper, but his business grew steadily through the years and now he employs seven persons, runs two delivery wagons and enjoys the largest patronage of any store of the kind in Rushville. He carries a high grade of goods and courteous treatment has always characterized his relations with the public, so that today he stands at the head of the grocerymen of his

community. On March 8, 1904, Mr. Allen was married to Kate W. Churchill, who was born and reared in Rushville, the daughter of William and Anna R. (Bush) Churchill. Mrs. Allen is a cultured and well educated lady, having been a student in Depauw University at Greencastle, after finishing her high school course here. To Mr. and Mrs. Allen have been born four children, Churchill, Anna R., Ione and Avis, all of whom are students in the public schools of Rushville. Politically, Mr. Allen gives his support to the Democratic party and he sustains fraternal relations with Phoenix Lodge, No. 62, Free and Accepted Masons, and Rushville Lodge, No. 35, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, as well as Murat Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Indianapolis. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Rushville. Personally, Mr. Allen is intensely interested in everything pertaining to the advancement of the community, giving his support to every enterprise calculated to improve the general welfare.

HERBERT HOLDEN, one of the successful young farmers of Noble township, is devoting his time and talents to the cultivation of his valuable farm of eighty acres and producing his share of the foodstuffs of the world. He is a native son of Rush county, born on December 7, 1889, in Richland township, son of Jesse and Lola (Hite) Holden, also natives of Richland township. Jesse Holden was reared and educated in Rush county, and here he was married. At the time of his death he owned 240 acres of valuable land in Noble township. He and his wife had six children, Bessie, Charles, Herbert, Mabel, and two who are deceased. Herbert Holden received his educational training in Noble township, and as soon as he was old enough he began assisting his parents in operating their farm, remaining at home until his marriage. At that time he bought forty acres of land to which he added forty acres more in the fall of 1920, and now has a desirable property in which he takes considerable pride. On December 13, 1914, Mr. Holden was married to Fannie Mock, daughter of John and Agnes Mock. Mr. Holden belongs to Little Flat Rock Christian Church, of which he has been deacon, and in which he for years has been a prominent factor. Fraternally he maintains membership with the Knights of Pythias of Rushville. He votes the Democratic ticket. A hard-working, energetic and thrifty man, Mr. Holden deserves the success which has already attended him and has a bright future before him.

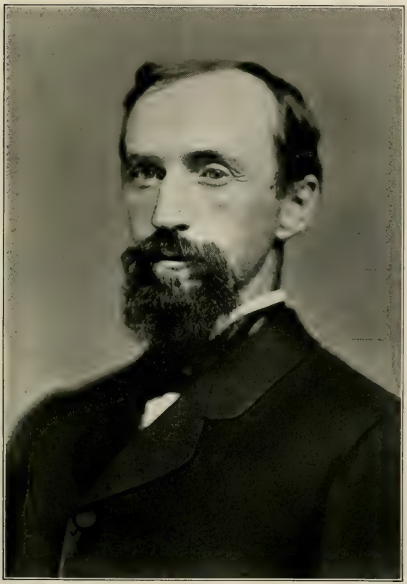
LEWIS M. CLARK, a well known and substantial retired farmer and landowner of Noble township, now living at Rushville, is a native Hoosier and has lived in this state all his life. He was born on a farm in Bartholomew county, May 27, 1849, son of Leonard and Mary (Marr) Clark, both of whom also were born in that county, members of pioneer families there. Leonard Clark and wife were the parents of eight children, all of whom save two are still living, those besides the subject of this sketch being Minerva, Alice, Emma, Pink and Frank. One son, George, died after reaching maturity and one child died when quite young. Reared on the home farm in Bartholomew

county, Lewis M. Clark became a farmer on his own account as a young man and owned a small farm, which he operated until after his marriage when he came to Rush county and rented a farm from his father-in-law, Benjamin Frazee. Upon the settlement of the extensive Frazee estate he and his wife received a tract of 500 acres in Noble township and there made their home until their retirement from the farm and removal to Rushville, where they now reside, they and their family being very comfortably situated at 631 North Main street. Mr. and Mrs. Clark are members of the Christian church and are Republicans. Mrs. Clark was born in Noble township, this county, Madaline Frazee, daughter of Benjamin and Ruth (Thompson) Frazee, the latter of whom was born on April 6, 1835, daughter of Elder Thompson, a pioneer Christian minister of this county and concerning whom extended reference is made in the chapter on the churches of Rush county elsewhere in this work. Benjamin Frazee, who in his generation was regarded as the largest landowner in Rush county, was a native of Kentucky, born in Bracken county, that state, April 6, 1824, son of James and Catherine (King) Frazee, both of whom also were born in Kentucky, the former born on March 10, 1800, and the latter, November 13, 1801. William Frazee came to Indiana with his family in 1829 and settled in Rush county, where he and his wife spent their last days, his death occurring here on September 11, 1877, and hers, February 17, 1876. Benjamin Frazee was five years of age when he came to this county with his parents and he grew to manhood here, a farmer from the days of his youth. At the age of twenty he began farming on his own account and in 1851 bought a tract of forty acres in Noble township, paying for the same $625. This was the nucleus of his later extensive landholdings, which he gradually increased until he became the owner of 2,000 acres of land in this county. It was in 1854 that Benjamin Frazee married Ruth Thompson. To that union were born six children, those besides Mrs. Clark, who was born on February 6, 1855, being John H., July 22, 1857; Laura Dell (deceased), August 3, 1860; Alice (deceased), December 7, 1862; Catherine, May 8, 1869, and James Edward (deceased), November 15, 1872. Mr. and Mrs. Clark have three children, Lewis Cecil, Elsie and Marie, the latter of whom is the wife of Charles Offutt, a well known Noble township farmer. Lewis Cecil Clark is the state agent for the Ben-Hur Life Insurance Company of Missouri. He married Agnes Hale. Elsie Clark married Dr. N. G. Willis, of Connersville, Ind., and has two children, Clark and Ruth.

JAMES F. WILSON, a well-known farmer of Noble township, was born in Ripley county, Indiana, July 25, 1874, son of William and Margaret (Marsh) Wilson, both of whom were born and reared in Ripley county. They attended school in that county and were there married. For some years they remained farming people of that region, but later moved to California, where they are still interested in agricultural pursuits. Two children were born to them, James F. and Louis H. (deceased). James F. Wilson also went to the Ripley county schools and later began farming, renting his grandfather's

farm. In 1896 he came to Rush county, and from then until 1918 worked for others, but in that year began farming on his own account and is now operating 120 acres of land and raising about 125 hogs annually. Mr. Wilson was married to Mrs. Harriet (Gruell) Wilson, daughter of Charles and Catherine Gruell and they have two children, Donald and Robert. By her first marriage Mrs. Wilson had six children, Merle, Thelma, Carl, Lowell, Monroe and Roland. Mrs. Wilson belongs to the Methodist Protestant church of New Salem. In politics Mr. Wilson is a Democrat, but aside from exercising his right of suffrage does not take an active part in party matters. He is a friend of the public schools and the good roads movement and may be depended upon to give his support to those measures looking toward an improvement of his home township.

ANDERSON ARMSTRONG has spent his entire life within the borders of Rush county and his persistent efforts have benefited alike himself and the community. He is the scion of an excellent old pioneer family and he himself has been a witness to and a participant in the wonderful progress which has characterized this section of the country during his lifetime. Anderson Armstrong, of Noble township, who is living retired after a long period of earnest endeavor, was born in that township on August 3, 1847, and is the son of Henry and Amanda (Anderson) Armstrong, the former a native of Franklin county, Indiana, and the latter of Boone county, Kentucky. Henry Armstrong was but four years of age when his parents brought their family to Rush county, and here he grew to manhood, securing his education in the common schools. He followed farming during all his active years and was eminently successful. To him and his wife were born six children, Leonidas, Florence Belle, Mo Dell, Pleasant H., George Elmer and Anderson. The subject's paternal grandparents were James and Mary (Lyons) Armstrong, the former a native of Franklin county, Indiana, and the latter born in Lynn county, North Carolina. They came to Rush county in 1827, being numbered among the pioneers of this section of the country, and they entered a tract of land in Noble township. Anderson Armstrong received his educational training in the public school at New Salem and he remained on the home farm with his father until 1880, when he moved to the farm where he now lives. Two years later he went to Lawrence county, Missouri, where for thirteen years he was engaged in farming and stock raising. He then returned to Rush county and again engaged in farming on his present place, which comprises fifty-five acres of excellent land, which he has well improved and maintained at a high standard of agricultural excellence. In addition to general farming, Mr. Armstrong also has given special attention to the breeding and raising of pure-bred Poland China hogs. Industrious and a good manager, Mr. Armstrong has long enjoyed an enviable reputation among his fellow citizens and stands high among the enterprising farmers of



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the county. In 1880 Mr. Armstrong was married to Nancy Jane Reeve, the daughter of Benjamin F. and Elizabeth (Parker) Reeve. To them have been born four children, namely: Harry B., who married Grace Olive Kinner and they have two children, Charles and Robert; Blanche, who is unmarried, remains at home; Ralph died on April 9, 1920; Chester died on November 6, 1892. Mrs. Armstrong was born and reared in the same home in which she now lives. Her mother was a native of Kentucky, and her father was born in Virginia, near the scene of the battle of Bull Run. He moved from Virginia to Kentucky with his parents and located in Mason county. He was twice married, first, in Kentucky, to Elizabeth Driskell, to which union were born eight children, George W., Francis M., Martha D., Henry C., Sarah D., Mary E., John B. and Eliza M. After the death of his first wife, Mr. Reeve married Elizabeth Parker, a daughter of Judge Parker, and they had three children, Hester, Benjamin F. and Nancy Jane. Mr. Reeve came to Rush county on March 3, 1833, and settled on the farm where Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong now live and here he farmed wih success, increasing his land holdings to 360 acres. Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong are members of the Little Flat Rock Christian church, to which they give generous support, and in his political views Mr. Armstrong is a stanch Republican. He has always evinced an intelligent interest in all things pertaining to the general welfare of the community and is held in high regard by all who know him.

LUTHER SUTTON, one of the prominent and successful men of Center township, was born in the township in which he now lives, on February 26, 1869, and is the son of Samuel H. and Naomi A. (Davis) Sutton, the former a native of Center township, Rush county, and the latter born in Wayne county, Indiana. The father followed the vocation of farming throughout his active life, dying at the comparatively early age of fifty-three years. He was the father of two children, Nellie and Luther. Luther Sutton received his educational training in the common schools of Center and Washington townships, his vacation periods being spent in work on the home farm. He remained at home until his marriage, when he rented eighty acres of land in Center township and began farming on his own account. Two years later he returned to the home farm, where he has remained to the present time, looking carefully after the interests and welfare of his mother, who is now eighty years of age. He now rents the home place of ninety acres and is meeting with a satisfactory measure of success. He is careful, painstaking and methodical in his operations and carries on a general line of farming, also raising some live stock. On October 7, 1896, Mr. Sutton was married to Cora M. Cole, who was born in Fayette county, Indiana, the daughter of Jerry G. and Rosetta (Wooders) Cole, the former of whom was a farmer by vocation. They were the parents of seven children, all of whom are living, namely: Alva, Walter, Arthur, Russell, Horace, Mamie and Cora. To Mr. and Mrs. Sutton have been born three children, Lela

R., Goldie M. and Earl B. Mr. and Mrs. Sutton are earnest members of the Center Christian Church. Politically, Mr. Sutton gives his support to no particular party, preferring to vote for those candidates which meet with his approval, regardless of party lines. Progressive and enterprising, Mr. Sutton enjoys the confidence and good will of all who know him.

FRANK C. MOORE, who has long been one of the influential citizens of Rush county, in which he has spent practically his entire life and has merited the success which he has achieved and the enviable position which he holds in the esteem of those who know him, is a native of the old Buckeye state, having been born in Brown county, Ohio, on September 27, 1852, and is the son of Thompson and Mariah (Stephens) Moore, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Kentucky. Thompson Moore was reared to manhood in Brown county, where, on attaining mature years, he followed the vocations of farming and milling. He was married in that county and remained there until 1853, when he came to Rush county, Indiana, and located at New Salem, where he and his father erected a grist and saw mill, which he operated for about fifteen years. He then sold out and took up the vocation of farming about one mile south of New Salem, where he bought 160 acres of land. There he built a home, cleared and improved the land and continued his farming operations there a number of years. He then sold out and bought a farm in Tippecanoe county, this state, but a short time afterward moved to the state of Kansas, where he bought a farm and spent the remainder of his days. To him and his wife were born seven children, of whom the survivors are Fannie, Alfred and Frank C., the immediate subject of this review. Frank C. Moore received his educational training in the schools at New Salem, after which he began farming with his father, with whom he remained until his marriage. He then began farming on his own account, renting land for a good many years. He was successful in his operations and then bought forty acres of land, onto which he moved and farmed that place one year. During the following year he rented another farm, at the end of which time he sold his forty-acre tract and bought 120 acres, which he later increased to 145 acres. He always devoted his efforts to general farming and stock raising and has uniformly met with a satisfactory measure of success. Starting in life a poor boy, he has gained his present enviable position solely through his own efforts and is honored by his associates because of his achievements. Mr. Moore was married to Lida Hedrick, the daughter of John and Mary (Taylor) Hedrick, and to them have been born eleven children, namely: Nelle, who became the wife of Frank Cupp and has three children, Clyde, Clarence and Abelena; Bessie, who became the wife of Louis Barber; Pearl, who became the wife of Roy Barber and the mother of three children, Merle, Dorothy and Thomas; Ruth, the wife of Raymond Sefton; Iona, the wife of Willard Farthing; Suda; William, who married Pearl Shaw and has three children, Frank, Webb and Irene; Webb, Charles, who married Lela French and has one child, Paul; Edd, who married Mary

Barber and has one child, Leonora; George, who married Pauline Smith and has one child, Arnold E. In his political faith, Mr. Moore has been a lifelong supporter of the Democratic party. William Moore, above mentioned, is the superintendent of the Oklahoma City high school and has for the past three years represented the state of Oklahoma in the annual meeting of the National Education Association.

JESSE HENLEY, trustee of Ripley township and for years one of the prominent factors in the development of the Carthage neighborhood, a member of one of the first families there, was born in Ripley township, March 16, 1866, a son of Robert and Mary (Newby) Henley, natives of North Carolina. Robert Henley was a child when brought to Rush county by his parents, in 1837, and here grew to manhood on the farm which his father had entered from the Government, in Ripley township. On April 24, 1856, he married Mary Newby, who had been brought as a child to Rush county in 1832, and this worthy and highly respected couple passed their lives in Ripley township, where Robert Henley accumulated a property of 343 acres. They were the parents of four children: Hiram H., of Rush county; Albert, of Indianapolis; Mrs. Pennia Trueblood, of Richmond, Indiana, and Jesse. Jesse Henley was given good educational advantages in his youth, first attending the schools of Carthage and later Earlham College, at Richmond, for two years. On leaving college he secured employment as a bookkeeper in the office of the Rushville Natural Gas Company, at Rushville, but after one year returned to Carthage, where he embarked in the lumber business with his brother, Hiram H., and continued therein until 1908. In that year the partnership was dissolved, Mr. Henley disposing of his interests in the business, although still retaining his holdings in the machinery and property. He has since interested himself in farming, in which he has attained much success. His business abilities have been so directed as to give him high standing in business circles and in the confidence of those with whom he has been associated. Mr. Henley's services to his community in official positions have been numerous and valuable. In 1899 he was elected trustee of Ripley township, a capacity in which he served for four years, and at the end of that time was appointed secretary of the board of school directors at Carthage, acting also in that position for a like period. In 1912 he was appointed to complete the unexpired term of A. O. Hill, in the office of township trustee, and in 1914 was elected to that office and again elected in 1918, his term to expire in 1922. On November 20, 1895, Mr. Henley was united in marriage to Jennie Overman, who was born in Ripley township and was educated in the schools of Carthage, a daughter of Oliver P. and Florence L. (Nixon) Overman, natives of Ripley township. Oliver P. Overman, who was a lifelong farmer, served as a soldier of the Union for three years during the Civil war. Two weeks after enlisting as a private in the Sixteenth regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, he was captured by the enemy, but was later exchanged and rejoined his comrades in time to go down the Mississ-

ippi and participate in the siege of Vicksburg. He was a valiant soldier and in later years a popular comrade of his G. A. R. post. Mr. and Mrs. Overman were the parents of three children, all living: Carrie, Jennie and Frank H. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Henley: Mildred F., a graduate of Earlham College, who is now a teacher in the public schools of Carthage; Mary I., who is attending Earlham College; and Ruth Eleanor, who was graduated from the Carthage high school with the class of 1921. Mr. Henley is a Republican and he and the members of his family belong to the Friends Meeting at Carthage.

JAMES W. ANDERSON. It has been the privilege of James W. Anderson, one of the large land owners of Rush county and a substantial agriculturist of Anderson and Richland townships, to realize many of his worthy ambitions and through the exercise of good judgment and business sagacity wrest from his opportunities a large measure of success. Mr. Anderson was born on a farm in Richland township, on August 5, 1874, a son of James W. and Livonia (Hopkins) Anderson, both natives of the neighboring county of Decatur. James W. Anderson, the elder, was born at Greensburg and grew to manhood there, where he received a public school education, and was married as a youth of nineteen years. Following his union he came to Rush county and located in Richland township, where his means being limited, he was not able to purchase an improved property, but bought instead about 190 acres of timber land. This he set about to clear, a task which he accomplished, and not only lived to see his land producing large crops, but to witness his landed holdings increase to 2,000 acres in Rush county, property in Decatur and Tipton counties and about 1,400 acres in northern Missouri. With these holdings Mr. Anderson was the largest landowner of his time in Rush county, and was known far and wide as a successful trader in farms. His farming operations were devoted principally to the raising of mules and hogs, a field in which he met with marked success. His industry, shrewdness and absolute integrity combined to make him an important figure in business circles, while the worth and sincerity of his devotion to the principles of good citizenship were never questioned. He was a member of the official board of the Methodist Episcopal church, and in his political allegiance supported the Republican party. Mr. Anderson died on November 29, 1892, and his widow survived until May 26, 1905. They were the parents of six children, of whom four are now living: S. B., Mary E., Lyle H. and James W. James W. Anderson, the youngest, received his educational training in the public schools of Richland township, and after leaving school entered upon his duties as one of his father's assistants on the home farm. After his father's death he remained on the home place until his marriage, when he built a modern home on a tract of 144 acres in Anderson township, where he is now living. For the greater part of his career, Mr. An-

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derson has farmed with his brother, Lyle H., and his sister, Mary E., the three now controlling 700 acres of land. Mr. Anderson feeds out about 300 hogs annually and a carload of cattle, and keeps from thirty to fifty head of mules on his farm. He has a modern and well-furnished home, ample accommodations for his stock, and excellent general improvements. He regards farming as a science, to be studied and improved indefinitely, and takes great interest in his chosen occupation. In 1915 Mr. Anderson was united in marriage to Florence Elstun, daughter of Frank and Emma (Crane) Elstun, and to this union there have been born four children, Frank William, James Robert, George Donnell and Rush Elstun. The family holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church at Richland. Mr. Anderson is a member of the lodge of the Knights of Pythias at Milroy. He gives his support to the Republican party, and for six years served in the capacity of trustee of Richland township. He is a broad-minded and progressive man, well posted on current events, and entertaining sensible opinions on questions of public interest.

MRS. JANE MORAN, of Rushville, widow of the late Patrick Moran, is a native daughter of the Emerald Isle, born in County Galway, but has been a resident of this country and of Rush county for many years. She was twenty-nine years of age when she came to the United States from Ireland. After a brief residence at Milford, Mass., she came to Indiana and took up her residence in Rush county, where not long afterward she was married to Patrick Moran, also a native of Ireland, who had become a farmer in this county. After their marriage she and her husband made their home on the farm, reared their family there and continued to make that place their home until their retirement from the farm and removal to Rushville, where Mr. Moran's last days were spent and where Mrs. Moran still lives, having a very pleasant home at 730 North Willow street. Patrick Moran, who was born in 1835, was but fourteen years of age when he came to the United States with his parents, the family proceeding westward to Indiana and settling in Franklin county, where Patrick received his schooling and grew to manhood. As a young man he came over into Rush county and bought a tract of eighty acres in Rushville township. He at once began the development of this tract and after his marriage to Jane Toolen, made his home there. He later bought an adjoining "eighty" and thus had a farm of a quarter of a section which he developed into an excellent piece of property. Incidental to his farming Mr. Moran became well known as a road supervisor and it was he who superintended the construction of the Winship pike. He was a Catholic, as is his widow, earnest members of St. Mary's parish at Rushville, and when the parish entered upon the task of erecting the new St. Mary's church it was he who gave security for the loan for the erection of the edifice. He also was a member of the local council of the Knights of Columbus and in other ways took an active interest in parish affairs. It was in 1908 that Mr. Moran retired from the farm and moved to

Rushville, but he did not live long to enjoy the relaxation which he had justly earned, for his death occurred in the following year, 1909, he then being seventy-four years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Moran had nine children, of whom all are living save two, Patrick and Jane, the others being Beatrice T., May, Katherine, Elizabeth, Joseph, Nora and John. Mrs. Moran's parents were Owen and Nora Toolen, both born in Ireland.

JOHN W. BEVER, a well-known farmer of Noble township, who is recognized as a representative citizen of Rush county, was born in that township, October 3, 1865, son of John and Mary Jane (Emmett) Bever, natives of Rush county and Ohio, respectively. John Bever was reared in Noble township where he was educated and where he spent his life, devoting all of his mature years to farming and stockraising. He was a son of John and Nancy Bever, both of whom were born in Kentucky, but migrated to Indiana and settled in Rush county. The homestead of John Bever contains 160 acres of land, and he specialized in raising pure-bred Short Horn cattle and Poland China hogs. Seven children were born to John Bever and his wife, four of whom survive, William, Ross, John W. and Lora. John W. Bever attended the Pinhook school in Noble township, and after he ended his school days he began farming with his father, remaining on the home farm until his marriage. Following that event he started out for himself on rented land, but after four years as a renter he was able to receive a fair price for his stock and equipment, so sold and moved to Anderson, Ind., where for twenty-four years he was engaged in a decorating business. However, the appeal of the soil was too strong, and in 1913 he returned to Rush county, locating on his present farm, where he is carrying on general farming and stock raising. He grows about thirty-five acres of corn annually which he feeds to hogs and cattle, having about sixty to seventy head of the former. Mr. Bever was married to Ida, daughter of William and Sarah Ann Carney, and they have three children, Arthur, Hazel and Margaret, the latter of whom married Alton Lentz. Mrs. Bever belongs to the Christian church. Fraternally, Mr. Bever maintains membership with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of Anderson, Ind. He is a strong Republican, but has never been an office seeker. Upright and hard working, Mr. Bever has deserved the success which life has brought him, and with this material reward has come another, equally well-merited, the respect and esteem of his fellow citizens.

JOHN W. STOTEN, a prominent and well-known citizen of Center township and one of the creditable representatives of the agricultural element in Rush county, is a native son of the old Hoosier state, having been born in Dearborn county on June 6, 1859. He is the son of James and Hannah (Morgan) Stoten, both of whom were also natives of Dearborn county. About the year 1864 they brought their family to Rush county. Seven children came with them and one was born after their arrival in this county. Mr. Stoten followed farming here all the remainder of his life and became an influential and

respected citizen. John W. Stoten was reared on the paternal farmstead and secured his educational training in the Farmington and Hinchman schools. He remained on the home farm, assisting his father, until about twenty years of age, when he began to work out as a farm hand, continuing in this way for about five years. Then he began farming rented land on crop shares, but three years later he changed to cash rent, on which basis he continued to rent land until 1917, when he bought the place where he now lives, consisting of sixty acres of land in Center township. He keeps the place in good repair, raises all the common crops of this locality and also raises some live stock. On September 7, 1892, Mr. Stoten was married to Bertie Smelser, a native of Union township, this county, and the daughter of John P. and Rebecca (Barnes) Smelser, both of whom were natives of Rush county, where Mr. Smelser followed farming throughout his active years. Of the seven children who blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Stoten, five are living, namely: Wallace, a farmer in Posey township, who married Lavonna Ruby and has two children, Merrill W. and Howard W.; Marion, a painter, living in Knightstown, Ind., who married Ruby Oldham and has one child, Wendell M.; Teddy, Donald and Effie; and Mildred, who died at the age of two years. Mr. and Mrs. Stoten are members of the Center Christian church. Politically, Mr. Stoten is a stanch supporter of the Republican party and stands at all times for the best interests of the community. He possesses many excellent personal qualities and is a popular member of the circles in which he moves.

JACOB WINFIELD HITE, now living retired at Clarksburg and who, prior to his retirement, had been engaged for many years in agricultural pursuits in Richland township, this county, where his steady industry had gained him success, is a member of an old and honored family of which further mention is made elsewhere in this work. He was born on a farm in Richland township, June 10, 1852, a son of William N. and Sarah (Fisher) Hite, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Clermont county, Ohio. The Richland township schools furnished Mr. Hite with his early educational training, following which he pursued a course at Richland Academy, and then took up farming in association with his father. He was one of the elder man's assistants until 1879, when he was married, and in the establishment of his own home rented a part of the property on which he had been born. After spending five years as a renter, he purchased a part of the home place, consisting of 135 acres, and during the active period of his career increased his holdings to 240 acres, all in Richland township. Mr. Hite demonstrated his ability as a general farmer and raiser of live stock, and frequently fed out as many as 150 hogs annually. He retired from active pursuits in 1916, and two years later removed to Clarksburg, where he has since made his home, occupying a comfortable modern residence. Mr. Hite married Allie M., daughter of Eliza Hood, and to this union there have been born three children, Bertha, who married Fred Goddard and has two children, Alice and Anna; Nina, who married John Sidebot-

tom and has three children, Carter, Winfield and Marjorie; and Wilbur. Mr. and Mrs. Hite are members of the Christian church and have supported its movements generously. He is a blue lodge Mason, and in his political adherence is a Democrat. Mr. Hite has gained prosperity and esteem while pursuing his industrious and well-directed career, during which he has not only set an example of practical, intelligent farming, but of public-spirited citizenship.

W. R. VANSICKLE, a progressive farmer and stockman of Anderson township, this county, owns what is probably one of the finest herds of registered Jersey cattle in this part of the state. Mr. Vansickle was born in Anderson township on May 7, 1877, a son of John and Margaret Vansickle, the former of whom was born in Madison county and the latter in Dearborn county, Indiana. John Vansickle was young when his parents moved to Rush county and settled near Rushville. He was a farmer in this county until 1897 when he retired, moved to Decatur county and still lives there. Of his eight children three survive, Albert, W. R. and Ben, of whom W. R. Vansickle is the only one living in Rush county. In boyhood W. R. Vansickle attended school in Anderson township, then worked as a farmer for six years in the township, and after that was engaged in the livery business at Milroy for two years. Upon returning to agricultural life he rented his present farm of 132 acres, then belonging to the late William Bowles, which he conducts largely as a stock farm. Mr. Vansickle is justly proud of his herd of twenty-six registered Jersey cattle, with the registered bull "Wildoos-Plymouth Lad" at the head, and is doing well his part toward upholding the prestige of Rush county as a fine stock center. On March 19, 1895, Mr. Vansickle married Grace Smith, daughter of George W. and Mary A. Smith. He is a member of the Masonic lodge at Milroy and of the lodges of the Knights of Pythias and the Odd Fellows at that place, having "passed the chair" in the last named organization. He is a Republican and hearty in his support of the policies he deems best and wisest for the country.

WILLIAM BOWLES, who is mentioned above and who in his generation was one of the best known residents of Rush county and the owner of an excellent piece of property, part of which is now owned by W. R. Vansickle, in Anderson township, was a native of Harrison county, Kentucky, but had resided in Rush county since the days of his boyhood. Mr. Bowles was the son of Robert Bowles and was but a child when he came here from Kentucky with his parents, the family locating in Anderson township, where he received his schooling and in time became one of the prominent figures of that community. He started out as a poor boy, with no special advantages, but his energy and foresight counted in the race and he died possessed of more than 400 acres of land. Mr. Bowles was widely known as a trader and his investments were made with wise discrimination. He died in February, 1904, and at his passing left a good memory.

WILLIAM BOWLES

W. R. VANSICKLE

LUTHER G. RENEGAR, included among the agriculturists of Rush county, a prosperous husbandman of Ripley township, and a resident of Rush county since boyhood, is a native of North Carolina, having been born in Yadkin county, that state, August 23, 1877, a son of Moses and Alice (McDaniels) Renegar, who were born in the same state. The parents came to Rush county when their son, Luther G., was a child, and for years were well-known and highly respected residents of Jackson township. The mother died on April 18, 1918, and the father now resides in North Carolina. They were the parents of eleven children, Luther G., Betty, Arthur, Lelah (deceased), Irvin, Leonard, Samuel, Harvey, Grace, Russell and Irene. The district schools of Jackson township and Shelby county furnished Luther G. Renegar with his educational training, and after completing his studies he began farming as a hand in the fields. He continued thus employed until his marriage, when he commenced his independent career, first as a renter. After renting for nine years, during which time he conserved his means carefully, he invested his savings in his present property, a tract of seventy-eight acres situated in Ripley township, not far from Carthage. Here he has made numerous improvements, having repaired all the buildings and put up entire new fencing, in addition to installing much up-to-date equipment. He is progressive in his views and operations, keeps fully abreast of the advancements being made in his vocation and is accounted a capable agriculturist and an excellent judge of live stock. His activities as a general farmer are extensive and as a breeder of live stock he ships about 125 head of hogs each year. On August 23, 1905, Mr. Renegar married Myrtle Aldridge, who was born in Tipton county, Indiana, and was brought to Rush county at the age of two years and here educated in the public schools. Her parents, natives of Rush county, attended the Locust Grove schoolhouse and were engaged in agricultural pursuits throughout their lives. They were the parents of six children, of whom four are living: Walter, Minnie, Homer, and Bert (deceased), Myrtle and Shirley. Mr. and Mrs. Renegar have two children, Donald L., born on April 25, 1907, and Roy A., July 18, 1909, both now attending the Walnut Ridge school. Mr. and Mrs. Renegar are members of the Methodist church at Carthage, the movements of which they support liberally. Politically, Mr. Renegar is a Republican, although he is not a politican and has not sought preferment at the hands of his party or his fellow citizens. As a fraternalist he holds membership in Ivy Lodge, No. 27, Knights of Pythias, at Rushville.

WILLIAM O. FRAZEE, of Rushville, owner of a farm just south of town and well known throughout the community, is a native son of Rush county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in Washington township on April 19, 1852, son of John and Mary Jane (Caldwell) Frazee, the latter of whom also was born in Indiana, member of one of the old families of the neighboring county of Fayette. John Frazee was a native of the Buckeye state, born in Butler county, Ohio, who came over into Indiana with his parents in

the days of his boyhood, the family locating in Fayette county where he grew to manhood and became engaged in farming. In 1846, not long after his marriage he came over into Rush county and bought a quarter of a section of land in Washington township, where he established his home and where he spent the remainder of his life, one of the best known and most influential residents of that community. For eight years John Frazee served as justice of the peace in and for Washington township and as "Squire" Frazee was widely known throughout that part of the county. He and his wife were the parents of ten children, of whom but four now survive, those besides the subject of this biographical narrative being Felix, Fannie and Louis W. Reared on the home farm in Washington township, William O. Frazee received his schooling in the excellent schools of that neighborhood and as a young man became engaged in farming on the place, renting the farm from his father and directing its operation, and for twelve years was thus engaged. In 1896 he moved from that place to another farm, but eighteen months later disposed of his farming interests and moved to Rushville, where he became engaged in the livery business. This did not prove to his liking, however, and eighteen months later he sold his livery barn and bought a farm of seventy-two acres in Rushville township, which place he presently sold and then bought an "eighty" of the old home place in Washington township and there re-established his home, remaining there until he sold out and returned to the vicinity of Rushville, buying the eighty-acre farm which he now owns south of town. On this place there is a gravel pit of apparently inexhaustible dimensions from which since 1912 Mr. Frazee has sold about 30,000 yards of excellent gravel. It was in 1895 that William O. Frazee was united in marriage to Emma L. Stewart, daughter of John S. and Margaret Stewart, and to this union one child has been born, a daughter, Elsie M., who married Paul Newhouse. Mr. and Mrs. Frazee are members of the United Presbyterian church and have ever taken a warm interest in the work of the church, Mr. Frazee for years having been a member of the board of trustees of the church. Politically Mr. Frazee is a Democrat, but reserves the right to vote independently should the needs of the occasion seem to warrant in his estimation of the needs of good government.

JOHN HEATON, who for many years was connected with the agricultural life of Rush county, is now living in honorable retirement in Noble township where he is held in high esteem. He was born on the farm that is still his home, on April 13, 1846, son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Armstrong) Heaton, natives of Noble township and Fleming county, Kentucky, respectively. When he was about three years old Joseph Heaton was brought to Rush county by his parents, John and Hester (Jarvis) Heaton, who settled in Noble township in 1822, at which time they entered land from the Government. Here they passed the remainder of their lives, and were always engaged in farming. Joseph Heaton was reared in Noble township where he received his schooling as well as his practical training as a farmer under his father's watchful supervision. Marrying in this township, he here

began farming, at first in a small way, and while attending to his own land he also worked out by the day in order to secure some ready money. As he could he kept on buying land until at one time he owned 305 acres, and he continued to live on his farm until his death, January 10, 1901. His wife died in December, 1891. They had six children, James, Salena, John, Thomas, Sanford and Oscar. John Heaton attended the local schools of Noble township, and after he had completed his schooling he began to farm, remaining on the homestead both before and after his marriage. He continued to work in partnership with his father until the latter's death, and then secured the home farm of 130 acres, where he has since continued to live, and where until his retirement he carried on a general line of farming, being quite successful in his operations. Mr. Heaton married Mary Conner, daughter of Thomas and Phoebe (Ryker) Conner, and they have two children, Bert and Vonnie Belle. Bert Heaton married Anna C. George and has two children, Mary and Robert. Vonnie Belle Heaton married Carl Wilson and has three children, Harold, Dorothy and Catherine Louise. Bert Heaton and his wife belong to Little Flat Rock Christian Church and he has been an elder, deacon and Sunday school superintendent of the same. His political convictions make Mr. Heaton a Democrat. A quiet, hard-working and thrifty man Mr. Heaton has always done what he considered to be his duty toward his family, church and community, and his present prosperity has been fairly earned through legitimate effort.

W. RILEY RHODES, a well known farmer of Center township, is the scion of one of the old and respected families of the northern part of Rush county, his paternal grandfather having entered land here in an early day, and he has spent his entire life within the borders of this county. By persistent industry, good management and clean living, he has attained not only material success, but also the confidence and respect of the entire community. Mr. Rhodes was born in Center township, this county, on February 6, 1866, and is the son of Lewis R. and Elizabeth J. (Leisure) Rhodes, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Kentucky. Lewis R. Rhodes was brought to Rush county by his parents when four years of age, the trip being made in the typical overland wagons of that early day. He received such education as was possible to obtain in the primitive log-cabin schools of the day and his youthful years were spent in the work of the home farm, for his father had entered eighty acres of land in Center township. Here he remained up to the time of his marriage, when he began farming on his own account. For awhile he operated the home farm on the shares, but eventually he bought the place from his father. He was prospered in his business affairs and at one time was the owner of 400 acres of land in Center township. To himself and wife were born eight children, five of whom are living, namely: W. Riley, Frank, Noah, Serena and Cora. W. Riley Rhodes was reared under the parental roof and secured his education in the Center school. He took an active part in the operation of the home farm, remaining with his father until 1899, when he located where he

now lives, a place comprising eighty-five acres, which he farmed in partnership with his father until the latter's death. He then inherited this tract, and also bought forty acres adjoining, thus giving him 125 acres all in one body. Here he carries on general farming operations, and also gives some attention to the raising of live stock, feeding about 100 head of hogs a year. He has made many substantial improvements on the place and is considered an up-to-date and progressive farmer. On February 15, 1899, Mr. Rhodes was married to Hattie Sears, who was born in Henry county, Indiana, the daughter of James W. and Mary E. (Emmons) Sears, both of whom were born and reared in Henry county. Mr. Sears was for many years a blacksmith at Spiceland. Four of their eight children are living, namely: Eva, Walton, Oscar and Hattie. Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes have a daughter, Myrle V., born on December 12, 1901, who was educated at Center school, being a graduate of the high school. On June 6, 1920, she became the wife of Ralph Moffitt, a farmer in Center township. Politically, Mr. Rhodes gives his support to the Democratic party. Personally, he is genial and unassuming and enjoys to a marked degree the good will and esteem of all who know him.

EDWARD A. FARTHING, former trustee of Richland township and former township assessor, and who, after a life of energy and usefulness, is now retired from active labor and enjoying the fruits of his former years of activity, was born in Franklin county, Indiana, on May 10, 1856, and is the youngest of the three children born to his parents, William Alfred and Grabella (Hite) Farthing. The paternal grandfather, Edward Farthing, who was a native of Rockbridge county, Virginia, came to Indiana in an early day, becoming one of the pioneer settlers of Franklin county, where he entered a large tract of land and there spent the remainder of his days. William A. Farthing, who was born in Rush county, grew to manhood in Franklin county, was married there. After the latter event he located on a small farm in that county, but several years later he moved to Howard county, Indiana, where he bought eighty acres of land and devoted himself to its cultivation. He was successful and gradually increased his land holdings there to 250 acres. He remained in Howard county until 1873, when he disposed of his holdings there and, coming to Rush county, bought the land where his son, Edward, now lives, the entire tract then comprising 234 acres. Here he conducted general farming and stock raising, with considerable success, until his retirement, when he moved to Clarksburg, where he lived until going to make his home with his daughter near Indianapolis, where his death occurred in January, 1902. He was a man of active and industrious habits, keen and sagacious in his dealings and at one time was the owner of 284 acres of land. His wife died in June, 1897. They became the parents of three children, namely: Omer, of Indianapolis; Ella, deceased, and Edward A. Edward A. Farthing was reared on the paternal farmsteads and received his education in the public schools of Howard

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and Rush counties. After completing his studies, he farmed for a while with his father, later renting a part of his father's land in this county. After the latter retired from active labor and moved to Clarksburg, the subject rented the entire farm of 234 acres, which he operated until 1898, when the land was divided among the children, and since that time Mr. Farthing has operated the land belonging to himself and his deceased sister's estate. He has been successful in his operations and is numbered among the progressive and enterprising agriculturists of his section of the county. Mr. Farthing was married to Gertrude Dobbyns, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dobbyns, and to that union were born two children, Berney, who married Luverne Davis, and Willard, who married Ione Moore. Mrs. Farthing died on April 17, 1918. Mr. Farthing has always been an ardent supporter of the Republican party, and has been active in his participation in public affairs, having served one term of four years as trustee of Richland township and a six-year term as assessor. He is a member of the Christian church, of which he formerly was an elder, and is keenly interested in every movement calculated to advance or promote the public welfare.

LEWIS E. HITE, whose career is an expression of well-directed and intelligent industry and of devotion to the best interests of the community, has passed his life in Rush and Decatur counties, in both of which he is the owner of land which has come to him through the exercise of thrift, good management and business sagacity. Mr. Hite was born on a farm in Richland township, Rush county, September 7, 1849, a son of William N. and Sarah (Fisher) Hite, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Ohio. William N. Hite learned the trade of blacksmith in his native state, and came to Indiana as a young man, becoming an early settler of Richland township, where he entered land from the Government. While gradually getting his land into condition for crops, he worked at his trade in the little shop which he had erected on one corner of his land, but as his operations as a general farmer and stock feeder grew to large proportions, he gave less and less attention to blacksmithing and finally abandoned that trade altogether. When his original eighty acres were cleared, he began to add to his holdings, and at one time was the owner of 460 acres of good land, all located in Richland township, where he was known as a substantial general farmer and feeder of hogs and cattle. His life in this township was passed on the same farm that had been his original home, and there his death occurred on September 27, 1896, when he was eighty-five years of age. Mrs. Hite, who was born in Ohio and came to Indiana in young womanhood, survived him until October 2, 1913, and was also in advanced years at the time of her demise. They were the parents of ten children, of whom six are now living, David F., Lewis E., Winfield, Eliza Jane, Irene and Lola. Lewis E. Hite secured the advantages to be obtained by attendance at the district schools of his day in Richland township,

after leaving which he began to assist his father in the hard work of clearing and cultivating the home farm. He remained with the elder man until the time of his marriage, when he embarked upon a career of his own, buying ninety acres of land in Richland township, which he increased by industry and good business management to 202 acres, lying in Rush and Decatur counties. He has always been a general farmer and stock raiser and his efforts have been attended by success. Mr. Hite married Mary Elizabeth Miller, who died leaving three sons: Edgar E., who married Eva Cartmel and has one child, Ione; Albert, who married Cora Dunham and has two children, Edwin and Mary Alice; and Carlos Clair, who is unmarried and resides with his father, whose assistant he is. After the death of his first wife, Mr. Hite married Mrs. Clara (Gross) Bowman. Mr. and Mrs. Hite are members of the Christian church, of which he was formerly treasurer and is at present a member of the board of trustees. His political allegiance is with the Democratic party, but he has avoided the thorny paths of the office-seeker, contenting himself with the casting of an intelligent vote. A man of sterling general worth, he is respected by all with whom he is associated, and presents, in the extent of his success, an example worthy of emulation by the youth of the rising generation.

HERBERT W. CHAPPELL, an energetic and progressive young farmer of Ripley township and the owner of a well-cultivated and valuable piece of property, has passed his entire life in Ripley township, where he was born on April 11, 1895, son and only child of John W. and Marcia (Binford) Chappell, the former a native of North Carolina and the latter of Rush county. John W. Chappell came to Rush county from the Old North state in young manhood, and here spent the rest of his life in farming. While he did not reach advanced years, he profited through his native industry and good management, and at the time of his death was the owner of 114 acres of Ripley township and the possessor of a well-established reputation for honesty, fair dealing and good citizenship. Herbert W. Chappell was given excellent educational advantages in his youth. He first attended the public schools of Walnut Ridge, and after his graduation from the high school there and at Carthage was sent to Earlham College, where he spent two years. Having decided upon a career in agriculture, he next took a short course in that vocation at Purdue University, leaving that institution in order to take over the management of the home farm several years after his father's death. He conducted this for himself and his mother until the latter's demise, when he became the owner of the land. The Chappell farm is one of the model properties of Ripley township, upon which there are improvements of the most modern character, the buildings including a new residence and barn built by Herbert W. Chappell in 1917. In addition to carrying on general farming he has been successful in his stock raising activities, and is shipping about seventy head of hogs to the big markets every year. Mr. Chappell is unmarried. He is a member of the Walnut Ridge Friends Meeting. In political matters Mr.

Chappell takes an independent stand, preferring to rely upon his own judgment in his choice of candidates and issues rather than to party dicta.

LUCIEN B. OSBORN, a well known farmer of Rushville township now living retired in Rushville, was born in Union county, this state, but has been a resident of this county most of his life. He was born on July 25, 1849, son of Larkin and May (Howell) Osborn, both of whom spent their last days in this county. Larkin Osborn was a native of Kentucky who came up into Indiana from the Blue Grass state in the days of his young manhood and settled in the neighborhood of Fairfield, where he married and where he remained until in 1851 when he came to Rush county with his family and bought a farm of 225 acres two miles south of town in Rushville township. In addition to his general farming Larkin Osborn engaged quite extensively in the raising of live stock, with particular attention to hogs, and developed a fine piece of property on his farm. On that place he spent his last days. He and his wife were the parents of eight children, three of whom are still living, the subject of this sketch having two brothers, Theodore and Lewis, the former of whom also is a resident of Rushville township. Lucien B. Osborn grew on the farm and received his schooling at the Sugar Grove school. He was but fourteen years of age when his father died and he thus early began to assume mature responsibilities, he and his brother Theodore operating the home farm after their father's death. After his marriage Mr. Osborn bought a farm of sixty-nine acres west of town and there made his home for about three years, at the end of which time he sold that place and moved to Shelby county, where he bought a farm of seventy-nine acres. On this latter place he made his home for sixteen years and then returned to Rush county and bought back his old farm west of Rushville and again established his home there. As his affairs prospered Mr. Osborn added to his holdings until he became the owner of a fine farm of 102 acres, all under cultivation, and on this place he continued to make his home until his retirement from the farm and removal to Rushville, where he and his family are very comfortably situated. Though retired from the active labors of the farm Mr. Osborn continues to take a supervisory interest in the place and is still quite extensively engaged in the raising of hogs, with which he has had much success. It was in 1880 that Lucien B. Osborn was united in marriage to Harvina Gruell, who was born in this county, daughter of Isaac and Sarah (Young) Gruell, both of whom also were born in Indiana, the former in the vicinity of Waterloo. Isaac Gruell came to Rush county with his parents in the days of his youth, the family locating on a farm west of Rushville where he grew to manhood. After his marriage he established his home in that same vicinity and there spent the remainder of his life. In addition to his general farming Isaac Gruell carried on a wide practice as a veterinary surgeon and was widely known throughout this and neighboring counties. He and his wife were the parents of eleven children, of whom seven still survive, those besides Mrs. Osborn being

Charles, George, Laban, Newton, Samuel and Jennie. To Mr. and Mrs. Osborn three children have been born, Bert, Fred and Jennie. Bert Osborn has been twice married. His first wife, Lavon Hilligoss, died, leaving him one child, Lowell, and he then married Myrtle Smith, by whom he has two children, John and Thomas. Fred Osborn married Beatrice Austin and has one child, Wilma Mae. Jennie Osborn married Chase Cross and has three children, Ollie, Mary Ellen and Anna Belle. Mr. Osborn is a Republican. He and his wife are members of the Methodist church.

CHARLES V. SPENCER, vice-president of the Farmers' Federation of Rush county, whose splendid farm is located in Richland township, and who has spent practically all of his life in this county, is descended from sterling old Scottish ancestry, his paternal grandfather, John Spencer, who was born and reared in Scotland, having come to this country in an early day. He became ardently identified with the then new republic and fought for this country in the War of 1812. Among his children was Rodrick Spencer, who was born in Butler county, Ohio. While the latter was still but a lad, the family moved to Franklin county, Indiana, where he was reared to manhood, and where he was married to Mary Masters, a native of Pennsylvania. He became employed as a farm hand, but at the same time he seriously took up the study of surveying and civil engineering, in which he became accomplished and in which he was engaged to a greater or less extent during most of his active years. Some time after his marriage he moved to Metamora, Ind., where he was employed as a clerk and bookkeeper, but subsequently he located near Spring Hill, Decatur county, and for several years was engaged in teaching school in that vicinity. Several years later Mr. Spencer came to Rush county and located in Richland township, where he bought eighty acres of farm land, to the operation of which he gave his attention. He also gave considerable attention to civil engineering and for twenty-four years he served officially as surveyor of Rush county. A few years prior to his death he was elected county assessor, serving about six years, and then, because of the failure of his health, he retired from active life and spent the remainder of his days quietly on his farm. He had been successful in his business affairs and had accumulated an estate of 200 acres, all in Richland township. In addition to general farming, he also had given considerable attention to the raising of live stock, and he held a high rank among the successful agriculturists and public spirited citizens of Rush county. To him and his wife were born five children, of whom two are now living, John L. and Charles V. Charles V. Spencer was reared on the paternal farmstead and received his educational training in the public schools of Richland township. After completing his studies he turned his attention to farming, renting from his father a part of the home farm. In 1895 he received from his father 120 acres of the farm and he has devoted

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his attention to farming continuously since. He has achieved a notable success as an agriculturist and has increased his land holdings to 390 acres, all of which lies in Richland township. Mr. Spencer also gives serious attention to the raising and feeding of live stock, feeding from 400 to 500 hogs and about two carloads of cattle a year. He is progressive and up-to-date in his methods and no citizen of Richland township occupies a higher place in general esteem than does he. In addition to his agricultural operations, Mr. Spencer is also actively identified with several strong financial institutions in this section of the state, having taken an active part in the organization of the Clarksburg State Bank, of which he has served as president since 1912, and he also assisted in the organization of the Broad Ripple State Bank. In 1920 he was elected vice-president of the Farmers' Federation of Rush county, and is now serving his second term in that capacity. Mr. Spencer was married to Mary Margaret Logan, the daughter of Hugh and Catherine Logan, and they are the parents of one child, a son, Howard L. Spencer, who is now a student in the high school at Clarksburg. Mr. Spencer and his family are active members of the Presbyterian church, of which he is now serving as treasurer. Politically, he is a Democrat, and fraternally, he is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons.

JOHN E. KIRKPATRICK, one of the progressive agriculturists of Center township, this county, has performed well his part in life and it is a compliment worthily bestowed to say that this locality is honored in his citizenship. Mr. Kirkpatrick was born in Center township on the 4th day of September, 1866, and is the son of James B. and Malinda M. (Newhouse) Kirkpatrick, both of whom also were born and reared in Rush county, the father in Union township and the mother in Jackson township. James Kirkpatrick followed agricultural pursuits throughout his active life, mostly in Center township, where he became the owner of 500 acres of farm land. To him and his wife were born eight children, five of whom are living, namely: Samuel D., William B., John E., Mary and Amanda. John E. Kirkpatrick received his educational training in the Carter school in Center township, and after completing his studies he devoted himself to work on the home farm, remaining with his father until his marriage, when he began farming on his own account, locating on the farm where he now lives and which now comprises 165 acres of land. He first started in as a renter, but later bought thirty-five acres, the remainder of the land coming to him as an inheritance. Mr. Kirkpatrick has made fine improvements on the place, including new buildings and his farm is now one of the best improved and most attractive in this community. He carries on a general line of farming and raises about 150 hogs a year. On January 12, 1886, Mr. Kirkpatrick was married to Flora M. Sample, who was born in Marion county, Indiana, but who received her education in the Ball school in Center township, her parents, Asa E. and Sarah A. (Ketley) Sample, having moved to

Rush county when she was nine years of age. To Mr. and Mrs. Kirkpatrick was born a son, Lewis M., on November 23, 1896. He attended the Center township common schools, graduated from the Rushville high school, and was then a student for three years in agriculture at Purdue University, at Lafayette, Ind. On September 1, 1918, he enlisted in the United States service at Rushville and a few days later was sent to Purdue, going first into the Auto Mechanics' Corps, from which he was transferred to the Motor Transport Corps. He was graduated from the Transport Training School at Purdue on October 31, 1918, and on November 27, 1918, was promoted to the rank of corporal. After being held at Purdue for two months, he was sent to Fort Sheridan, where he remained for six weeks, and on December 16, 1918, he was transferred to Fort Wingate, New Mexico, where he remained up to the time of his death, which occurred on April 13, 1919, after an illness of one week. His body was brought back to his home and now lies in East Hill cemetery, Rushville. Mr. and Mrs. Kirkpatrick are members of the Center Christian Church and give their support to all worthy benevolent and charitable objects. Politically, Mr. Kirkpatrick gives his support to the Democratic party. He possesses many splendid qualities of head and heart and enjoys the confidence and esteem of those about him.

BIRNIE BEAVER is one of the industrious and reliable farmers of Noble township, classed with the rising generation of agriculturists, who are acknowledged to be as broad and scientific in their methods and as fruitful in valuable results to the community as the workers in any other branch of modern industry. In the field of agriculture it has often happened that the fathers and grandfathers have secured the broad and fertile tracts of land which the sons and grandsons have brought to their full capacity of productiveness. The rough, preliminary labors of the pioneers are as necessary as the developing work of the after generations; all combine for the general advancement of the wonderful agricultural interests of the country. Mr. Beaver was born in Rushville township, Rush county, June 25, 1888, a son of Morrison and Florence (McGrew) Beaver. He received his education in Noble township, where he was taken as a child, and on leaving school his appreciation of land tillage waned temporarily, and he sought release from the ceaseless round of duties on his father's farm as an apprentice to a drop forger, at Newcastle, Ind. However, after following that vocation for eight and one-half years, he returned to the home place and resumed agricultural activities, and at the present time is farming 160 acres of his father's which he has brought to a high state of cultivation, in addition to twenty-five acres which he rents. He has about fifty to 100 acres in corn and thirty-five acres in small grain, and feeds out about 200 hogs a year. Mr. Beaver is progressive in his methods and energetic in his work, and is steadily forging his way to a place among the substantial men of his township. He is a Republican. Mr. Beaver married Alicedell Jay, and they are the parents of two children, Florence L. and George Morrison.

LYLE H. ANDERSON, a practical and zealous farmer of Richland township, and one who for many years has promoted the best interests of the community, was born on the farm which he now occupies, May 26, 1871, a son of James W. and Livonia (Hopkins) Anderson, the former born at Greensburg and the latter near Kingston, Ind. James W. Anderson was born on March 24, 1832, and grew to manhood in Decatur county, Indiana, being nineteen years of age when he married the seventeen-year-old Livonia Hopkins, who was born on January 20, 1834. Shortly following their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Anderson came to Rush county, where the former bought 190 acres of timber land. This he transformed through industrious labor into productive farming property, and subsequently became a prominent and successful trader in land, increasing his own holdings to 2,000 acres in Rush county, other lands in Decatur and Tipton counties and about 1,400 acres in northern Missouri. He was said to have been the largest landholder in Rush county during his day, and in his farming operations also was widely known as a dealer in hogs and mules. In all of his operations he was guided by high business principles and his community knew him as a man of sound and substantial worth. He was a member of the official board of the Methodist Episcopal church, and in his political allegiance was a Republican. Mr. Anderson died on November 29, 1892, and his widow survived until May 26, 1905. They were the parents of six children, of whom four survive: Alice, who married William Winship and died in 1908; S. Bernie, a resident of Rushville township; Mary E., who resides on the old home place; John, who died in infancy; Lyle H.; and James W., on the home farm. The educational training of Lyle H. Anderson was acquired in the public schools of Richland township, and upon leaving school he devoted himself to farming on the home place, in association with his father. At the elder man's death, the sons assumed the responsibilities attendant upon the cultivation of the large property on which the home was situated, and for some years Lyle H. Anderson has been associated with his brother, James W., and his sister, Mary E., in the ownership and operation of 700 acres of land. About 500 hogs annually are fed out, and cattle by the car load, and some fifty or more mules are kept on the place, on which the improvements are modern and the buildings substantial and attractive. Mr. Anderson is unmarried. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he was a steward for some years, and has been a subscriber to religious and educational movements as well as to those enterprises which have been promulgated by public-spirited citizens. His political belief makes him a Republican.

JAMES M. BROOKS, a well-known farmer of Ripley township, and an honored veteran of the Civil war, is a native son of Rush county, his birth having occurred in Ripley township, on February 28, 1848, his parents being Robert and Ellen (Templeton) Brooks, the former a native of Maryland and the latter of Ohio. Robert Brooks was a young man when he went to Ohio, and there met and married Ellen Templeton, the couple subsequently coming to Indiana

and locating in Ripley township, this county. Here the father entered 160 acres of land from the United States Government, and was engaged in farming thereon during the remainder of his life. A man of industry, he developed a valuable property, and by reason of his integrity and good citizenship won a high place in the esteem and confidence of the people of his community. He and his wife, who like her husband was held in the highest respect, were the parents of three children, of whom only James M. now survives. James M. Brooks was educated in Ripley township, where he attended the Walnut Ridge schoolhouse. Leaving school at the age of fifteen years, he presented himself for enrollment as a soldier of the Union army, and in 1863 was accepted as a private of Company E, Ninth regiment, Indiana Volunteer Cavalry, an organization of which he was a member until after the close of the Civil war. Mr. Brooks participated in numerous hard-fought engagements during the last two years of the conflict, among them being Franklin, Nashville, Springhill and Sugar Creek. He received his honorable discharge at the close of the war and was mustered out of the service in August, 1865. On the completion of his military duties, Mr. Brooks returned to the home farm where he was associated in agricultural operations with his father until his marriage. He then began farming on his own account, as a renter, and was thus engaged for about five years. His wife then inherited sixty acres of land, in Ripley township, and on this Mr. Brooks has continued to be engaged in general farming and stock raising to the present. On August 10, 1872, Mr. Brooks was united in marriage to Mary E. Woodley, who also was born in Ripley township, daughter of Isaac and Mary (Cloyd) Woodley, natives of North Carolina, who for many years were engaged in agricultural pursuits in Rush county, where they were well known and highly respected by all. Nine children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Brooks: Frank; Alice, who is married; Albert, who is married; Fred; Walter; Charles, who is married; Roy, married; and Hallie and Benjamin. With his family, Mr. Brooks has been an active member of the Friends church for many years, attending at Walnut Ridge, and in politics is a stanch Republican. He is one of the popular members of the Grand Army of the Republic, and it is needless to add that his are among the most interesting of the reminiscences of Civil war time which enliven the annual campfires.

WILLIAM R. MARTIN, a well known and substantial farmer and land owner of Union township and former trustee of that township, is not a native son of Rush county but has been a resident here for more than twenty years and has come to regard himself as much a part of the community as though "native and to the manner born," and takes as deep an interest in community affairs as though all his life had been spent here. He was born on a farm in Union county, this state, January 16, 1867, son of Samuel and Mary (Lafuze) Martin, the latter of whom also was born in that county, a member of one of the old families there, and both of whom spent their last days in that county. Samuel Martin was

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born over the state line in Preble county, Ohio, a son of Austin Martin, a Virginian, who had been a resident of Ohio since the days of his young manhood. When Samuel Martin was about five years old his parents moved over into Indiana with their family and located in Union county, where they spent the remainder of their lives, developing there a good farm. Samuel Martin took up farming in his turn and after his marriage to Mary Lafuze established his home on a farm in his home county and continued that vocation the rest of his life, becoming the owner of an excellent farm of 195 acres. His wife died in 1907 and he did not long survive her, his death occurring in 1909. They were the parents of six children, of whom five are still living, those besides the subject of this sketch being Charles O., Oscar B., Walter M. and Samuel L. William R. Martin was reared on the home farm in Union county and received his schooling in the neighborhood schools. When twenty-one years of age he bought a team and began farming on his own account, renting a piece of land nearby, and continued as a renter for about four years, at the end of which time he bought a tract of 100 acres in Brownsville township, Union county, and, having married meanwhile, established his home there. Mr. Martin remained in Union county until 1900 when he disposed of his interests there and came over into Rush county and bought a 120-acre farm in Union township, where he remained until 1910, in which year he moved to the eighty-acre tract on which he is now living in that same township, erected on that place the modern house in which he is living and has since continued to make that place his home, he and his family being very comfortably and pleasantly situated. As his affairs prospered Mr. Martin added to his land holdings from time to time until he became the owner of 572 acres in Rush and Fayette counties, but has since disposed of a portion of this land and now has 280 acres, all in this county save an "eighty" over in Fayette. Mr. Martin is farming 200 acres and in addition to his general farming feeds out about 150 head of hogs a year. His place is admirably improved, the farm plant being well equipped and up-to-date, and everything is "ship-shape," he long having been recognized as one of the consequential farmers of that section. In 1889, while living in Union county, William R. Martin was united in marriage to Ollie R. Leab, daughter of Emanuel and Sabra (Clevinger) Leab, and to this union four children have been born, namely: Fred E., who married Lillian Rea and has two children, Janet and Alice Ruth; Orville S., who married Ruth Laughlin and has one child, a daughter, Ellen Jane; Thomas C., who married Ocie Kirkpatrick and has one child, Alvin Noel, and Ruth, who is at home with her parents. The Martins have a very pleasant home on rural mail route No. 10 out of Rushville and take an interested and hospitable part in the community's general social activities. They are Republicans and give proper attention to local political affairs, Mr. Martin having served for

six years (1909-15) as trustee of Union township. Mr. and Mrs. Martin are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Falmouth and Mr. Martin has served as a member of the board of trustees of the church. Mr. Martin is a York Rite Mason, a member of the blue lodge at Rushville and the Rushville Commandery, Knights Templar, and is also a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, affiliated with Murat Temple, Indianapolis.

JAMES MADISON ("MAT") BEVER, who maintains a high standing among the substantial farmers of Noble township, where he is the owner of a fine farm of eighty-two acres, has devoted his entire life to agricultural pursuits, in which his ability and industry have enabled him to achieve success. Mr. Bever, more familiarly known among his many friends and acquaintances as "Mat" Bever, was born in Noble township, May 28, 1870, a son of James and Harriet (Emmett) Bever, both natives of Rush county. James Bever, who was an agriculturist in Rush county throughout a long and industrious life, started in a small way but through inherent capability and persistent endeavor achieved marked success in his operations, and at the time of his death in October, 1897, was the owner of 415 acres of land and occupied a high place in the esteem and respect of his fellow-citizens. His widow, who survives him, is a highly regarded resident of New Salem. Mat Bever received his education in the country schools of Noble township, and after leaving school engaged in farming in association with his father. At the latter's death he embarked in operations on his own account, and now carries on general farming and stock raising on his well-cultivated farm of eighty-two acres, lying in a favored locality in Noble township. He has made numerous improvements on this property which now presents an attractive appearance, with substantial buildings and modern equipment. Mr. Bever is accounted an experienced and capable man in his business, and feeds out from eighty to 100 hogs per year. Mr. Bever married Jennie Smith, daughter of David Smith, and to this union there have been born three children: Mayme, who married John Hedrick and has two children, Harold and Maurice; Ruth, who married Elmer Ryan and has one child, Donald; and Gladys. Mr. and Mrs. Bever and their children are members of the United Brethren church. In politics he is a Republican, although he has taken no particularly active part in public affairs and has not cared for public office or preferment.

AUGUSTUS WILLIAM WILKINSON, proprietor of an up-to-date bakery plant at Rushville and one of the enterprising and progressive business men of that city, is a native of the Blue Grass state, but has been a resident of Rushville since the days of his boyhood. He was born in Spencer county, Kentucky, January 6, 1871, son of Dr. L. P. and Matilda L. (Summers) Wilkinson, both natives of North Carolina, whose last days were spent in Rushville. Dr. L. P. Wilkinson, who for years practiced the dental profession at Rushville, was educated for the medical profession and for a time practiced that

profession in Kentucky, to which state he had gone upon becoming equipped for practice in North Carolina, but later became more attracted to the dental branch of surgery and as a dentist spent the rest of his life. He was married in Kentucky and remained there until about 1880, when he came to Indiana with his family and located at Rushville, where he opened an office for the practice of dentistry and there spent the remainder of his life. He and his wife were the parents of seven children, of whom four are still living, those besides the subject of this sketch being Stillwell, of Rushville; Rosa B., of Brownstown, and Sally, of Medora. A. W. Wilkinson was seven years of age when he came with his parents from Kentucky to Indiana and his schooling was completed in the Rushville high school. Not long after coming here he entered the bakery of J. W. Carnine at Rushville and in that establishment learned the baker's trade, which he later followed as a "journeyman" until 1911, when he opened an establishment of his own at Rushville, equipping the same with up-to-date appliances for effective operation, and from the very start has made a success of the business. Mr. Wilkinson knows the value of modern equipment and not long ago renewed his plant with machinery of the most up-to-date character, with a capacity of 3,000 loaves daily, and has now the only retail bakery in the city and is doing an excellent business, his progressive methods recommending the products of his ovens to a discriminating and growing trade in and about Rushville. In 1895 A. W. Wilkinson was united in marriage to Daisy Mae Wilson, daughter of John W. Wilson, and to this union three children have been born, John W., Gertrude and Lillian Pauline. John W. Wilkinson is an efficient aid to his father in the operation of the extensive Wilkinson bakery plant and Miss Gertrude Wilkinson is a teacher of commercial forms in the high school at Connersville. Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinson are members of the Christian church and Mr. Wilkinson is a deacon in the same. He also is a Royal Arch Mason and has been "through the chairs" in the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias. Politically, he is a Republican and has ever given a good citizen's attention to local civic affairs.

HARRY T. MILLER, who is conspicuous among the enterprising farmers and stock raisers of Noble township, has succeeded in his chosen life work through the qualities of persistence, sound judgment and honorable dealings, which have earned for him the esteem of the entire community. Harry T. Miller is a native son of Rush county, having been born in Richland township on October 28, 1886, and he is the son of Eliphilet and Mollie Miller. He is indebted to the common schools of Richland township for his educational training and after completing his studies he took employment as a farm hand for six years in that community. During the following four years he cultivated a farm of ninety-four acres in Richland township, and then he moved to Noble township, where he rented a farm of 240 acres. Two years later he located on the farm where he now resides, comprising 175 acrs, and here he is farming with a gratifying measure of success. He carries on general farming, raising all the crops common

to the locality, and he also feeds about 200 hogs annually. He is thorough and methodical and is up-to-date in his ideas relative to farming. Mr. Miller was married to Sylvia Walker, daughter of Daniel and Belle (Kennedy) Walker, and they are the parents of three children, Donald, Dorothy and Gladys. Mrs. Miller, who is a native of Rush county, is a lady of many estimable qualities of character and is a popular member of the circles in which she moves. Politically, Mr. Miller is a Republican.

FRED GODDARD, trustee of Richland township and a substantial land owner of that township, was born in Clinton township, Decatur county, Indiana, on November 18, 1880. His paternal grandparents were John and Louisa (Miller) Goddard, natives of Kentucky, who came overland to Decatur county, Indiana, settling in Clinton township, where he bought a tract of land and devoted the remainder of his active years to its cultivation and improvement. Among their children was a son, Oliver, who was born and reared to manhood in Decatur county, and who married Anna Wellinger, a native of New Jersey. Oliver Goddard gave his attention to farming on the old homestead until after his marriage, when he rented other land and so continued until 1883, when he bought his first farm, comprising 104 acres. He was successful in his operations and at one time was the owner of 640 acres of good farm land. He devoted himself to general farming and stock raising until 1914, when he retired from active business pursuits and moved to Greensburg. To him and his wife were born seven children, of whom six are now living, namely: Fred, Margaret, Henry, Robert, Oliver, Jr., and Benjamin. Fred Goddard received his educational training in the public schools of Clinton township, Decatur county, and after leaving school he assisted his father in the operation of the home farm until he was twenty-three years of age, at which time he was married. He then engaged in farming on his own account, renting 210 acres of land in Clinton township, to which he devoted his attention during the ensuing nine years. In 1912 Mr. Goddard bought the place which he now occupies in Richland township, and onto which he moved the following year. His first purchase was seventy-eight acres, to which he later added by purchase until he is now the owner of 162 acres. He has made a number of permanent improvements to the place, including an attractive and conveniently arranged house, barn and other necessary farm buildings, the general appearance of the place indicating him to be a man of sound practical ideas and discriminating judgment. Mr. Goddard has met with success in the handling of live stock and feeds about 120 head of hogs and a carload of cattle each year. He also gives close attention to the breeding of pure bred Duroc Jersey hogs, his stock commanding above average prices. Mr. Goddard was married to Bertha May Hite, the daughter of Jacob W. and Alice (Hood) Hite, and their union has been blessed in the birth of two daughters, Alice and Anna, both of whom are attending school.

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Mr. Goddard and his family are members of the Presbyterian church, in the work of which they take an active part, and Mr. Goddard is a trustee of the church. He has always given his support to the Republican party and is now serving his first term as trustee of Richland township. A man of good business qualifications and accurate judgment, he is proving a good public official and enjoys the esteem of the entire community. A lifelong resident of this section of the state, he has been a witness to and a participant in the splendid development which has characterized this locality and because of his life and labors has earned his position among the leading farmers and influential citizens of Rush county.

J. LEVI LORD, M. D., who for nearly a quarter of a century has been practicing medicine at Mays, this county, is a native son of the county now honored by his citizenship. He was born in Posey township on December 10, 1858, the son of James J. and Sarah (Billings) Lord, the former of whom was born in Kent county, Delaware, on October 11, 1828, and the latter born in Butler county, Ohio, on January 4, 1837. They were brought to Rush county in their childhood and received their education in the schools of this county, their marriage taking place in Jackson township on October 11, 1855. Here Mr. Lord followed farming pursuits and became a man of prominence and influence. To him and his wife were born seven children, of whom four are now living, Doctor Lord having a brother, William A. Lord, and two sisters, Mrs. Lily J. Lawson, and Mrs. Harriet L. Leisure. The deceased children of this family were Francis O. Lord, who became a substantial farmer of the eastern part of Howard county, this state, and who died on April 9, 1921, in his fifty-ninth year, and Ann and Elsworth, who died in infancy. Doctor Lord received his elementary education in the public schools of Howard county, Indiana, whither his parents had moved in 1860 but when nineteen years old (in 1877) he returned to Rush county and made his home with his uncle, Henry Lord, who assisted him in the completion of his education. He attended the Rushville high school, where he was under the instructions of David M. Graham as superintendent and Mrs. R. A. Moffitt, principal. Then he taught four terms of school in Union township, this county. Having determined to devote his life to the practice of medicine, he matriculated in the Medical College of Indiana, at Indianapolis, and graduated on March 1, 1882. Doctor Lord first engaged in the active practice of his profession at Point Isabel, Grant county, Indiana, where he remained nearly five years. He then moved to Marion, Ind., where for eleven years he was numbered among the active and successful doctors of the community. During this period he served two years as coroner of Grant county, his commission bearing the signature of Governor Isaac P. Gray. While living at Marion Doctor Lord owned an interest in a drug store. The Doctor has always taken a keen interest in political, religious and educational matters and was one of the first advocates of the establishment of the normal college at Marion. He remained in the latter city until 1898, when he returned to Rush county and

entered upon the practice at Mays, where he has since remained and where he has built up a large and representative patronage. Doctor Lord is a careful reader of the best professional literature, keeping himself in touch with the age in latest discoveries pertaining to the healing art, and his practice covers a wide radius of surrounding country. On March 14, 1883, Doctor Lord was married to Queen V. Hamilton, who was born in Rush county on July 31, 1861, the daughter of Francis and Elizabeth (McManus) Hamilton, both of whom were natives of Rush county. These parents had two children, Queen V. and Mary B. Doctor and Mrs. Lord have three children, all of whom are married and have established homes of their own, as follows: Charles W., a farmer in Washington township, who married Jennie C. Hamilton and has two children, Beatrice J. and Norman K.; Clarence H., a farmer in Center township, who married Leila Mull and has one child, Francis R.; and Ralph H., now engaged in the mercantile business at Dunreith, Ind., who married Leonora Pickett and has two children, Helen M. and Rosemary. While Ralph Lord was a student in the public schools, he was the winner of five consecutive medals in oratorical contests given under the auspices of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Politically, Doctor Lord is independent, reserving the right to vote in accordance with the dictates of his own judgment. Fraternally, he belongs to the Tribe of Ben-Hur at Marion, Ind., and the Improved Order of Red Men at Mays. He is an earnest member of the Center Christian Church near Mays, and gives his support to all worthy benevolent movements as well as to all enterprises for the advancement of the general welfare. During the time of America's participation in the World war, Doctor Lord volunteered his services in behalf of the medical corps and was enrolled for service on November 9, 1918.

WALTER E. PATTON, classed among the leading representatives of farming and stock raising in Richland township, where he is carrying on extensive and successful operations on a tract of 280 acres, is a member of a substantial and well-known agricultural family, and his entire life has been passed in the atmosphere of the country. Mr. Patton was born in the neighboring county of Decatur, December 24, 1875, a son of Samuel R. and Mary E. (Humes) Patton. His father was born at Richland, Rush county, and attended Richland Academy, shortly after leaving which he enlisted for service during the Civil war, as a member of the One Hundred and Thirty-seventh regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, with which he served for three years and participated in a number of important engagements. Upon receiving his honorable discharge he returned to Indiana and located at Greensburg, Decatur county, where for about a year he conducted a general store. Subsequently he located on a farm near Spring Hill, in the same county, which he had purchased from his father, and continued to cultivate that land until 1879, when he sold out and came to Rush county, locating on a farm of 280 acres in Richland township. Mr. Patton was a man of education and ability, and was frequently called upon to serve his fellow citizens in responsible

public offices. For two terms he was trustee of Richland township and for a period of nine years acted as a member of the board of Rush county commissioners. Mr. Patton married Mary E. Humes, who was born in Hamilton county, Ohio, and they became the parents of seven children, of whom five are living, C. O., Harry B., John E., Walter E., and Elma. Walter E. Patton secured his education in the schools of Richland township, after leaving which he took up farming with his father and remained at home until the elder man's death in 1903. At that time, Walter E. Patton and his brother, H. B., took over the home place of 280 acres, which they have since operated. Mr. Patton has kept his farm well improved, and has centered his activities in general farming and stock raising. He now has from 100 to 125 acres in corn and eighty acres of wheat, and feeds out about 300 hogs per year and two carloads of cattle. In addition he always keeps a large bunch of mules on his place. He is a man of energy, capability and reliability, and stands high in the esteem of his associates and the confidence of all with whom he has come into contact. In September, 1903, Mr. Patton was united in marriage to Elsie O. Marshall, daughter of John S. and Cora (LaRue) Marshall, of Franklin county, and to this union there has been born one child, a daughter, Pauline, who is attending school. Mr. and Mrs. Patton are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Richland. He is a Mason, belonging to the blue lodge at Milroy, and his political views cause him to support the candidates of the Republican party.

ADOLPHUS T. MAHIN, superintendent of the city light and water plant at Rushville, was born in Walker township, this county, May 4, 1857. His parents were William E. and Elizabeth (Hodge) Mahin, both of whom were born in Rush county and reared and educated in Walker township. William E. Mahin grew up on his father's farm and when prepared to begin farming for himself, bought eighty acres of land in Walker township, paying $8 an acre for a part of it that now commands a price of $250 an acre. He followed agricultural pursuits all his life and at the time of death owned 160 acres in Walker township. There were six children in the family and all are living: Alpheus E., of Connersville, Ind.; Charles W., a minister, residing in Oklahoma; Addie, of Greencastle, Ind.; Melvina, of Kokomo, Ind.; Sarah, of Elwood, Ind.; and Adolphus T. The last named after enjoying public school privileges in Walker township, attended Holbrook College, at Lebanon, Ohio, and later the Eclectic Medical College, Cincinnati, from which institution he was graduated. For the past twenty-two years Mr. Mahin has been identified with the electric light plant at Rushville. The initial installation was in 1892 and by 1894 the plant, the second municipal plant in the state, was in first class order. For four years the plant was located near the C. I. & W. railroad tracks, removal then being made to its present situation, when a water plant was installed. These utilities have been enlarged to about five times the original area, the present capacity of the three engines in use amounting to 1,051 horse power. The electric plant of 855 horse power, has 804

connections for light and heat, and there are 1,320 water connections for domestic and commercial purposes, water being pumped by electric power from ten driven wells. The success of this great public enterprise is largely due to Superintendent A. T. Mahin, who has devoted himself closely and effectively to the affairs of the city light and water plant since 1907, prior to which time for six years he had been district manager for the Central Union Telephone Company, with headquarters at Connersville, Ind. On September 8, 1876, Mr. Mahin married Josephine Fouche, who was born in Tipton county, Indiana, a daughter of James B. Fouche. The father of Mrs. Mahin followed milling in both Tipton and Rush counties, for fifteen years being engaged in that industry at Rushville, during which time he lost one mill by fire but immediately rebuilt. Of his eight children the following are living: Wilbur T. and Mattie, both of Indianapolis; Frank E., of West Baden, Ind.; and Mrs. Mahin, of Rushville. Mr. and Mrs. Mahin have four children, Maxwell E., Howard, Florence and Margaret R., all of whom have domestic circles of their own except the youngest daughter, who resides with her parents. Maxwell E. Mahin is a farmer in Fayette county, Indiana. He married Bertha Hubell and they have two children, Francis and Mildred. Howard Mahin is a farmer in Rush county. He married Hazel Readle, and they have one son, James H. Florence Mahin married William McGuire, an architect of Indianapolis. Miss Margaret R. Mahin was graduated from the Teachers' College at Indianpolis and is now (1921) teaching in the Webb school in Rushville township, this county. Mr. Mahin and his family belong to the Methodist Episcopal church at Rushville, of which he has been treasurer for twelve years. In politics he is a Republican but has never sought public office, serving, however, one term in the city council. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity and belongs also to the Red Men and the Odd Fellows.

ALBERT M. HITE. The general farming and stock raising interests of Rush county have a worthy representative in Richland township in the person of Albert M. Hite. Not only does Mr. Hite maintain the reputation for business-like effort established by his father and pioneer grandfather, but has augmented this by a demonstration of what may be accomplished when one has youth, ambition and a clear brain in the twentieth century. Albert M. Hite was born in Decatur county, Indiana, January 27, 1888, a son of Lewis E. and Mary Elizabeth (Miller) Hite. William N. Hite, father of Lewis E. Hite, was born in Virginia, where he learned the trade of blacksmith, and as a young man came overland to Indiana, and secured eighty acres of land in Rush county. For a time he continued to follow his trade in a little shop on one corner of his farm, but later turned his entire attention to farming and became one of the successful agriculturists and stock feeders of his locality. He accumulated 460 acres of land in Richland township, and died in his eighty-fifth year, in 1896. He married Sarah Fisher, who was born in Ohio, and she survived him until 1913.

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They had ten children, of whom six are now living: David F., Lewis E., Winfield, Eliza Jane, Irene and Lola. Lewis E. Hite was born in 1849, in Richland township, and as a young man adopted farming, a vocation which he has followed throughout his life, being now the owner of 202 acres, located in Rush and Decatur counties. He now makes his home in Fugit township, in the latter county, where he has a well-cultivated property. Mr. Hite married Mary Elizabeth Miller, who was born in Franklin county, Indiana, and she died leaving three sons: Edgar E., who married Eva Cartmel; Albert M., and Carlos Clair, the latter of whom is unmarried and resides with his father. After the death of his first wife, Lewis E. Hite married Mrs. Clara (Gross) Bowman. Albert M. Hite received his education in the public schools of Decatur county and farmed in association with his father until several years after his marriage, when he secured his present property, a farm of ninety-eight and one-half acres in Richland township, this county. Under his judicious management this farm has developed into one of the model properties of its size in the township, it being devoted to general farming and stock raising. On August 31, 1909, Albert M. Hite married Cora Dunham, who was born in Berrien county, Michigan, daughter of Enos and Alice (Hethman) Dunham, natives of that same county, and they have two children, Edwin and Mary Alice. Mr. and Mrs. Hite belong to the Christian church. He is a blue lodge, chapter and council Mason, and is a Democrat.

JOHN R. WEIR, a successful farmer and carpenter of Noble township, this county, was born in Laurel township, Franklin county, Indiana, on October 17, 1857, and is the only child born to his parents, Ashbury and Jeannette (Searne) Weir, the latter a native of Hamilton county, Ohio. Ashbury Weir was born and reared in Franklin county, Indiana, and, after completing his education he applied himself to the vocation of agriculture, which he followed during his entire active life, being the owner of thirty acres of land. He died in August, 1859, and was survived by his widow, whose death occurred in 1902. She had been brought to Franklin county when about twelve years of age, her parents settling north of Brookville. After the death of her first husband, she became the wife of George Weir and to them were born five children, of which number four are living, Oliver N., Malissa, Sarah and Oren. The subject is descended from sterling old English stock and his paternal grandfather, who was of direct English descent, came to Indiana from North Carolina. John R. Weir attended the common schools in Franklin county and when old enough he devoted his energies to work on the home farm, where he remained until he had attained his majority. He then rented a farm, on field rent, operating it until he was twenty-four years of age, then for nine years operated land for cash rent. He then came to Rush county and rented 225 acres of the McCoy farm, to the cultivation of which he devoted himself for thirteen years. He then bought the farm which he now owns, in Noble township, comprising fifty-one

and a half acres of land, which he operated until 1916, when he retired from farming and has since followed the trade of a carpenter. His farm is well improved and is a valuable tract of land. Mr. Weir was married to Lucinda Huntsinger, the daughter of Adam and Mary (Abercrombie) Huntsinger, and they are the parents of four children, Leora Mae, Sarah Alice (deceased), Jeremy Francis and Goldie Edith. Jeremy Francis Weir married Ella Kingery and they have two children, Earl Carlos and Maurice. Mr. Weir and his family are identified with the Little Flat Rock Christian Church. Politically, he is a strong adherent of the Republican party, while, fraternally, he is a member of the Knights of Pythias at Laurel and the Improved Order of Red Men at Andersonville.

McCLELLAND APPLE, one of the substantial and well-known citizens of Center township, has spent his life in this county, and has been successful in his business affairs, building up a valuable estate. He was born on the 19th day of April, 1866, in the township now honored by his citizenship, and is descended from sterling old pioneer stock, his paternal grandfather, George Apple, having come to Rush county in 1826 and entered eighty acres of land, a part of the subject's present farm comprising this original entry. The subject's parents were Jabez and Mary A. (Rhodes) Apple, both of whom were born and reared in Center township, Rush county, the father's birth occurring on October 30, 1837, and the mother's on April 5, 1840. The father followed agricultural pursuits all his life and became the owner of 170 acres of land in Center township. To him and his wife were born six children, four of whom are living, namely: Alva A., Mary M., Cora L. and the subject of this sketch. Sarah Jane and Rosa Almoretta died in infancy. McClelland Apple attended the Shively Corner school in Center township, his vacation periods being spent in work on the home farm. He remained with his father until his marriage, when he began farming on his own account, at first renting sixty acres of land in Center township. He continued to rent until 1920, when he moved back to the home place, 140 acres of which he bought, and of this land all is tillable excepting about five acres of timber land. Mr. Apple carries on a general line of farming and stock raising, feeding about 150 head of hogs a year. He keeps the place in good repair and is numbered among the progressive and enterprising farmers of Center township. On December 23, 1888, Mr. Apple was married to Ida B. Clark, a native of Center township and the daughter of George W. and Elizabeth (McBride) Clark, the former a native of Hamilton county, Indiana, and the latter born and reared in Rush county. George W. Clark was a farmer, owning ten acres of land in Center township, and also followed the carpenter trade. To him and his wife were born five children, four of whom are living, namely: Anna J., John J., William H. and Ida B.; Fred C. is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Apple have had eight children, of which number seven are living, as follows: Ola C., Mary E., George J., Russell L., Luva L., Clara A., Leroy and Inez M. The deceased child was Mary E., who died at the age of eight years. Ola C. Apple

who is a farmer in Center township, married Ruth M. Earnest, who died on February 16, 1920. George J. Apple, who is farming in Ripley township, this county, married Mazie M. Newsom. The rest of the children are unmarried and at home. Mr. and Mrs. Apple are members of the Center Christian Church. Politically, Mr. Apple gives his support to the Democratic party and lends his influence to the advancement of every enterprise for the general welfare.

JAMES ARNOLD, who followed farming in Hanover township, Shelby county, for a number of years, but who is now living in Carthage, Rush county, was born on December 11, 1852, in North Carolina, a son of Frank and Betsey (Dosset) Arnold, also natives of the Old North state. Frank Arnold, who was a farmer throughout his life, brought his family to Indiana in 1858 and settled in Shelby county, where he acquired land and rounded out his career in the cultivation of the soil. He and his wife were the parents of five children, of whom four survive, Alfred, James, Emily and Elizabeth. In his boyhood, James Arnold experienced much of hardship and little in the way of advantages as they are enjoyed by the country lad of the present day. He attended the district school and after his schooling was finished gave his attention to farming in association with his father, remaining under the parental roof until the time of his marriage. After his union, he was without capital and his career was therefore started as a renter, which continued to be his status for about twenty years. He then purchased a property of about fifteen acres which he operated for several years, then selling out to purchase a forty-acre tract adjoining forty acres which his wife had received as an inheritance from her father. This land was located in Hanover township, Shelby county, and Mr. Arnold continued its operation until 1912, when he disposed of his entire property and moved to Carthage, which has since been his home. While practically retired from active affairs, Mr. Arnold acts as a straw buyer for the Carthage Board and Paper Company. In 1875 Mr. Arnold married Theodosia Graham, who was born in Shelby county, daughter of James and Margaret (Kendle) Graham, and to this union there were born nine children, of whom seven are living: Walter, of Morristown, Ind., who married Sarah Unger and has three children, Jessie, Glenn and Blanche; Maggie, who married Harry Talbert, of Morristown, and has eight children, Maude, Clifford, Nella, Porter, Harold, Mary, Robert and Myrtle; Frank, of Shelby county, a farmer, who married Ethel Dennis; Pearl, a sawmill man of Washington, Ind., who married Vera Rutherford, and has three children, Earl, Velma and Alice; Oler, a farmer of Shelby county, who married Eva Vansyock, and has three children, Louise, Juanita and Mary; William, of Carthage, who married Grace Holbrook, and has two children, Harold and Martha J.; and Ona, who married Forest Rawuls, a barber, of Carthage, and has one child, Helen Juanita. Mr. Arnold and his family belong to the United Brethren church at Gwynneville. He has been a supporter of the principles of the Republican party, and for eight years was assessor of Hanover township.

JOHN E. HARRISON, former county commissioner and a well known citizen, farmer and stock raiser of Anderson township, this county, was born in that township on September 20, 1854, a son of Josiah B. and Jane (Ricketts) Harrison, both of whom were born in Nicholas county, Kentucky. Josiah B. Harrison came to Rush county with his parents when he was twelve years old, grew to manhood and was educated in Anderson township, married here and engaged in farming and stockraising in Anderson township all his active life. He prospered and owned a farm of 160 acres. Of his family of seven children five are living: Martha, of Greensburg, Ind.; I. O., also of Greensburg; Ira, of Illinois; William, of Colorado, and John E., of Anderson township. The last named attended the district schools in his native township, the university at Valparaiso, and the normal school at Danville, one year each, after which he taught school for two years. Mr. Harrison then became a farmer in Decatur county, where he remained eight years, but when ready to settle permanently, he came back to Rush county and in 1888 bought 220 acres in Anderson township. He is now operating 340 acres, all in one body, and carries on general farming and stockraising, feeding 150 head of hogs a year. Mr. Harrison has improved his property and has a comfortable modern farm residence. In 1881 he married Lista Jane Keisling, who was born in Anderson township on October 5, 1861, and died on May 23, 1916. Her parents were Lloyd and Mary Keisling, the latter of whom was born in Rush county and the former in Decatur county. Lloyd Keisling came to Rush county, a miller by trade, in 1852, and settled on the place in Anderson township now owned and occupied by Mr. Harrison. Mr. and Mrs. Harrison have the following children: George, who married Goldie Cox and has two children, Opal M. and Pearl; Orie, who married Frank Kennett, and died in 1908, leaving two children, Russell and Robert; Ben, who married Glendora Harrison and died on March 5, 1920, leaving two children, Dorothy Bernice and Phoebe Jane; Elmer, who married Lucy Power and has two children, Marjorie and Cecil, and Claude and Lillian, both of whom live at home. Mr. Harrison is a Republican and served as a member of the board of county commissioners from 1911 to 1919. He is a member of Milroy Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, at Milroy.

HENRY J. MILLER, a well-known and representative citizen of Rush county, a successful general farmer and stock buyer, at New Salem, was born in Ripley county, Indiana, on February 6, 1882, and is a son of Henry and Mary (Weasel) Miller, the former a native of Cincinnati, Ohio, and the latter born in Harrison, that state. The father grew to manhood in his native county and then came to Decatur county, Indiana, where he was employed as a farm hand for a number of years. Eventually he bought eighty acres of land in Ripley county, on which he located and to the cultivation of which he devoted his attention for almost a half century, when he retired and is now

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making his home in New Salem. He was married in Decatur county and to this union were born five children, four of whom are now living, namely: Elizabeth, John, Felta and Henry J. Henry J. Miller received his education in the common schools of Ripley county and after the completion of his studies he was employed as a farm hand for several years in that county. He then came to Rush county and for about ten years he was similarly employed and was also engaged in buying stock for Aaron Wellman. He then entered into a partnership with Mr. Wellman and for nine years they have continued to buy live stock through this section of the country, being among the best known men in their line of this section of the country. Mr. Miller also looks after the cultivation of 160 acres of land, which he rents in Noble township. He gives considerable attention to the feeding of live stock, having fed about 440 hogs in 1920 and is now feeding about a carload of cattle. In 1901 Mr. Miller was married to Anna Dausch, the daughter of William and Julia Dausch, and their union has been blessed in the birth of two children, Lawrence and Delores. Mr. and Mrs. Miller are members of the Roman Catholic church, while, fraternally, Mr. Miller belongs to the Knights of Columbus, the Improved Order of Red Men and the Modern Woodmen of America.

LEROY BITNER, a well-known farmer of Rush county and a substantial landowner of Center township, was born in that township on May 14, 1876, and is the son of Benjamin F. and Charity (Rich) Bitner, who also were natives of Rush county, the father having been born on February 9, 1839, and the mother on November 5, 1840. Benjamin Bitner followed farming during all his active years and became the owner of 290 acres of land in Center township. He and his wife were married on February 5, 1860, and became the parents of eight children, seven of whom are living, namely: Albert, Mary, Ida, Minnie, India, Walter and Leroy. Leroy Bitner received his education in the school at Mays and then, up to the time of his marriage, he remained at home assisting with the farm work. After his marriage, he rented land and began farming on his own account, carrying on his operations for a year in Center township, moving then to an eighty-acre farm in Ripley township which he rented from his father-in-law for about a year. Mr. Bitner becoming the owner of this farm by inheritance, Mr. Bitner moved to his father-in-law's farm, which he rented for about ten years. At the end of that time he bought the place where he now lives, comprising 109 acres, which he has continued to cultivate to the present time, with success and profit. He is also the owner of 200 acres of land elsewhere in Center township. Mr. Bitner carries on a general line of farming and also gives due attention to stock raising, that most important adjunct to successful farming, and feeds about 350 head of hogs a year. He keeps his farms well improved and is considered one of the leading farmers in his township. On October 18, 1899, Mr. Bitner was married to Stella J. Gilson, who was born and reared in Center township, the daughter of William and Samantha (Kirkpatrick) Gilson, and to them has been born one child, Ruth M., wife of P. Parrish, a farmer in Center township.

Politically, Mr. Bitner gives his support to the Democratic party and he takes a keen interest in public affairs, giving his support to every movement for the advancement of the general welfare.

W. A. CAMERON, a former farmer in Richland township, but now retired and living in New Salem, was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, on April 30, 1857, and is a son of Alonzo and Cordelia (Lee) Cameron. The father, who was born and reared in Cincinnati, was married there and for a good many years he followed the business of contracting, a part of the time in partnership with his father. They erected many of the best buildings in Cincinnati at that time, including the Cincinnati hospital. To him and his wife were born three children, Lydia, W. A. and one who died in infancy. Lydia is the wife of Robert Dorsey. W. A. Cameron received his educational training in the public schools of Hamilton county, Ohio, and Franklin county, Indiana. At the age of nine years he was brought to the latter county by his grandparents, with whom he thereafter lived. After completing his studies, he remained on the farm with his grandfather until his marriage, when he bought eighty acres of land in Franklin county. He devoted himself to the cultivation of that land until 1906, when he came to Rush county and bought a farm of 246 acres in Richland township. He was eminently successful in his farming operations and seven years after locating there he was able to retire from active work and moved to New Salem, where he is now living. Mr. Cameron married Rachel McCrady, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George McCrady, and to this union have been born seven children, of which number two are living, namely: Bessie, who became the wife of Edward Scott and they have three children, Dorothy, Robert and William; George married Jessie Beaver, to which union were born two children, Floyd and Walter Dean. After the death of his first wife, he married Hattie B. Shriner, the daughter of Renatius Shriner. Politically, W. A. Cameron is a stanch supporter of the Republican party, though not an aspirant for public office.

REUBEN B. HENLEY, who during the active years of his career followed two occupations, those of farming and carpentry, in Ripley township, is now living in comfortable retirement at Carthage, where, in possession of a pleasant home, he is enjoying the rewards of an industrious and well-spent life. Mr. Henley was born in Ripley township, Rush county, October 19, 1845, a son of Micajah and Ruth M. (Bentley) Henley, the former a native of North Carolina and the latter of Rush county, Indiana. Micajah Henley came to Rush county in young manhood and passed the rest of his life here, becoming the owner of 120 acres of land in Ripley township and applying himself industriously to the pursuits of agriculture. He and his wife were the parents of eight children, of whom seven are living: Reuben B., Caroline V., Mary S., Harlan H., Eve H., Lenora and Rose. The third child in order of birth, Lavina, is deceased. Reuben B. Henley was educated in the district schools of Ripley township, where he attended the Beach Grove schoolhouse, and on completing his studies took up farming in association with his father. He was thus employed until

the time of his marriage, when he embarked upon an agricultural career of his own, having, just before that time, purchased eighty acres of land in association with his brother, Harlan H. Henley. The brothers farmed in partnership for about twelve years, when Reuben B. Henley bought his brother's interest in the property, but after several years disposed of the entire tract and became a renter. He continued to be thus occupied until 1910 when he gave up farming and moved to Carthage, where he applied himself to the carpenter trade, a vocation which he had learned in his youth and which he had followed intermittently throughout his career. In 1917 he gave up all active pursuits and settled down to a life of quiet and contented retirement. Mr. Henley was married in 1872 to Rachael Young, who was born and educated in the rural districts of Rush county, daughter of Joseph W. and Sarah (Binford) Young. Of the five children of Mr. and Mrs. Young, Mrs. Henley is the only survivor. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Henley, of whom three survive: Herbert O. Henley, an electrician of Greenfield, Ind., who married Jessie Kurts and has had two children, of whom one is living, Kurts; Lillian R. Henley, who is unmarried and makes her home with her parents, and Harry Grant Henley, a United States rural mail carrier out of Carthage, who married Ruby Stevens and has two children, Ruth E. and Florence M. Mr. Henley has been ever ready to discharge the duties of good citizenship and at various times has been called upon by his fellow citizens to occupy offices of public trust. For eight years he served as road supervisor of Ripley township and for a like period acted as township assessor, while in 1910 he rendered service in taking the census of that township. He is a stanch Republican in politics, and his fraternal affiliation is with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, past noble grand of the Carthage lodge. With his family, Mr. Henley belongs to the Friends Meeting at Carthage.

JOHN W. LOGAN, a retired farmer and substantial citizen of Rushville, was born in Des Moines county, Iowa, December 16, 1850, a son of Thomas and Sarah (Lafforge) Logan. Both parents were born in Rush county, Indiana, where they were reared and married. In 1847 they moved to Iowa, where the father followed farming for seventeen years, then returned with his family to Rush county, where both parents died in advanced age, the father, November 12, 1912, and the mother, November 14, 1914. Their burial was in the Hurst cemetery near Homer. The father prospered in Rush county, acquiring 400 acres of land. John W. Logan is one of a family of twelve children, the other survivors being: Elizabeth J., of Huntington county, Indiana; Harriet A., of Noble township, Rush county; Mary E., of Walker township, Rush county; Emma, of Milroy, Rush county; Alice, of Whitley county, Indiana; Clara, of Huntington county; Myrto, of Rushville; and Mattie, of Walker township, Rush county. In boyhood John W. Logan attended the district schools in Walker township for a time and then began farming for his father, with whom he remained until twenty-eight years old, at which time he bought sixty acres of land for himself, in Walker township. He

took a great deal of interest in this property, on which he lived for thirty years. He not only developed it into a profitable farm enterprise, but made it attractive by erecting substantial farm buildings and making other improvements. Although he made no feature of exploring for gas, he had one well on the property that he converted to his own use. In 1902 he sold that farm and bought 185 acres in Union township, which he still owns, operating it until 1917, when he retired from active business life and moved to Rushville. Here Mr. Logan bought a handsome, modern residence located at 1209 North Perkins street. On September 18, 1879, he married Mary E. Hilligoss, who was born in this county, daughter of Elliott and Rosanna (Sells) Hilligoss. Mr. and Mrs. Logan have five children: Grace, the wife of Rue Miller, a farmer in Walker township, who has one child, Lotus; Frank L., a farmer in Union township, who married Nellie McMillian, and has three children, Russell, Wayne and Wava; Fred R., a farmer in Union township, who married Ruby M. McMillian, and has one child, William J., Thomas E., now operating the home farm in Union township, who married Clara Kirkpatrick, and has one child, Lucile M.; and Sally Jane, who married Lowell C. Vickrey, a farmer in Union township, this county, and has one child, Loren L. Mr. Logan and his family are members of the Plum Creek Christian Church. He has always been a Democrat in his political views but has never aspired to public office.

JOHN F. KRUG, a well-known farmer of Richland township, whose life has been characterized by industry, honesty and steadfastness of purpose, is a native son of Indiana, having been born in Decatur county on April 9, 1882, and he is a son of John G. and Christina (Loons) Krug, the latter a native of Hamilton county, Ohio. John G. Krug was born and reared in Bremen, Germany, where he remained until twenty-eight years of age. He then emigrated to the United States, coming at once to the Middle West and locating at Cincinnati, Ohio. Sometime after his marriage, which occurred in that city, he moved to Ripley county, Indiana, where he took up farming. Subsequently he moved to Decatur county, Indiana, where he remained until his removal to Richland township, this county, whence he again returned to Decatur county, where he spent the remainder of his days. During practically his entire life he devoted himself to agricultural pursuits and was a man of industrious habits and staunch character. He and his wife became the parents of six children, five of whom are now living, as follows: Mary, Margaret, Elizabeth, John F. and Anna. John F. Krug was reared in the parental home in Decatur county and secured his education in the public schools. Upon taking up work on his own account, he was for a time employed as a farmer by his father and others up to the time of his marriage. He then rented a farm of eighty acres and operated rented land until 1917, when he bought the farm on which he now resides, comprising eighty-five acres. He is farming 296 acres altogether and is achieving pronounced

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success. Mr. Krug also gives some attention to live stock, feeding two car loads of hogs a year. Mr. Krug was married to Myrtle Christian, the daughter of Wesley and Nannie (Young) Christian. They are members of the United Brethren church, of which Mr. Krug has been one of the most active workers, having served at one time as superintendent of the Sabbath school and is now assistant class leader and assistant Sunday school teacher. He has always been an earnest supporter of the cause of total prohibition of the liquor traffic and stands staunchly for the best things in life, exerting his influence for everything which promises to better his community in any way. Mrs. Krug also was born in Decatur county and was there reared. Her father, Wesley Christian, was born in Ohio and her mother was born in Kentucky. Wesley Christian was a substantial farmer in Decatur county and he and his wife were the parents of seven children, those besides Mrs. Krug being Edward, Albert, Lucy, Miriam, Lena and Bina.

VAN HOOD, one of the retired residents of Carthage, and who during his active career was one of the chief factors in bringing about the almost universal use of the telephone in his locality, was born in Fayette county, Indiana, July 12, 1867, a son of Alfred B. and Margaret (Gifford) Hood, natives of Rush county, and the latter of whom is deceased. Alfred B. Hood, now living with his son, was reared to the farm and for several years was engaged in operations in Fayette county, but for the most part centered his activities in Rush county, where he became the owner of 344 acres of land. He and his wife were the parents of six children, of whom four survive, Valeria, Hettie, Enoch B. and Van. Van Hood attended the public schools of Rush county in his boyhood, and early displayed an aptitude for mechanics that amounted almost to genius. After graduating from Fairview Academy, in 1884, he took a special course at Butler College, Indianapolis, graduating in 1888, and at that time returned to his father's farm. At that time there were no telephones in Rush county, and there were few who could vision the growth of the great industry or foresee the wonderful effect that the invention was to have on country as well as city life. Mr. Hood was one of those, however, who were able to look into the years ahead, and his training had been such that he was prepared for the work at hand. In 1889, a progressive and public-spirited banker of Rushville, A. B. Irvin, formed a stock company, and installed the first telephone system at Rushville. Mr. Hood in 1890 started the project of installing a telephone system between Falmouth and Rushville, and from the latter city he then strung the wires and put in the instruments and apparatus that put the city within speaking distance of Fayetteville. A later work done by Mr. Hood was putting in the line from Falmouth to Bentonville, and this was followed by the installation of a central switchboard at Falmouth, from which wires ran out into the country, this being the first system in this part of the state by which the rural districts were put into communication with each other and with the

towns and villages. Later, Mr. Hood went to Arlington and Fayetteville, at which points he installed a system, which he subsequently sold to a company of stockholders. Mr. Hood's next venture was to buy the Carthage telephone plant which he rebuilt and which he operated for twelve years, finally selling out to the Ripley Farmers Telephone Company, the present owner. In 1914 Mr. Hood, giving up the telephone business, ventured into a new field, establishing the Carthage garage, which under his management flourished and which he sold in 1919 to its present owner, H. T. Beher. He then retired from active pursuits, and is now living quietly at his pleasant home at Carthage. On August 24, 1893, Mr. Hood married Lannie Anderson, who was born in White county, Indiana, but was reared and educated in Rush county, a daughter of Thomas and Rachael (Rader) Anderson, farming people who owned a good property in Shelby county. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson were the parents of eight children, of whom six are living, Margaret, Allie, Frank, Vern, James and Lannie. Mr. and Mrs. Hood are members of the Christian church at Carthage. Mr. Hood is a Democrat in politics, and his fraternal connection is with Rush lodge, No. 580, Free and Accepted Masons, at Carthage.

LEVI R. RETHERFORD, a retired farmer and respected resident of Rushville, was born in Bourbon county, Kentucky, January 26, 1835. His parents were David and Elizabeth (Hall) Retherford, natives of Kentucky, in which state they were reared and married. When their son Levi R. was eight months old, they made the journey from Bourbon county up into Indiana on horseback and settled in Rushville township, this county, where David Retherford developed a farm from the wilderness. Of his family of seven children three are living, Anna E., Matilda and Levi R. The children attended the country schools in youth and Levi R. Retherford gave his father assistance until he was twenty-one years old, then rented land and engaged in farming for himself. When his father died he was able to purchase an interest in the home farm and at a later date bought the entire property. At one time he owned 320 acres in Rush county and still owns 200 acres of some of the best land in Rushville township. He was a hard worker and careful farmer and thereby prospered. He continued to be active in the agricultural field until 1900, when he retired and since then has occupied his comfortable home at Rushville. On October 19, 1856, he married Nancy E. Minor, who was born in Edgar county, Illinois, a daughter of Edward and Hettie (Morris) Minor, and they have had seven children, the five survivors all living in homes of their own within their native state. Edward D. Retherford, a substantial farmer in Center township, married Florence Morris, and they have six children, Carl, Byron, Hallie, Miriam, Margery and Levi. Carl, of this family, married Ethel Gilson and they have two children, Glen and Lois; Byron married Ruby McDaniel, lives at Indianapolis, and their children are, Curtis, Dalton, Kennett and Baby; Hallie, the wife of George Hopper, lives in Indianapolis and has two children, Gean and June. Laura B. Retherford married William Keisling, formerly a farmer in Rush county. He

died in 1908 and was buried in East Hill cemetery. Her second marriage was to Ell Jones, of Rushville. Jesse Retherford is a farmer in Rush county. He married Mary Dill, and the next son, Ferdinand, married Stella Reeve Mull. The youngest of the family, Nelle Retherford, is the wife of Raymond Brown, a farmer in Rush county. The deceased children were Hettie Lee and Robison. The former married Emory Sutton, of Rush county. The latter married Delilah Kelley and their children were Elbert (deceased), Elma, who married Dr. Charles Greene, doctor of dental surgery, of Rushville, and has two children, Frank and Justine; Hettie, Acsah and Mildred. Mr. Retherford's children are substantial people, well known in their several communities. In earlier years Mr. Retherford was somewhat active in Democratic politics and served for some time in the office of road supervisor for Rushville township. He is the oldest member of the Christian church at Rushville.

D. D. BARBER, a substantial farmer and landowner of this county, now living retired at New Salem, was born south of Andersonville, Franklin county, Indiana, on May 31, 1861, and is the son of Daniel and Catherine (Hite) Barber, both of whom were born and reared in Franklin county. The subject is descended from sterling old pioneer stock, his paternal grandfather, Simeon Barber, who was a native of New Jersey, having come to Franklin county in an early day. He helped clear much of the land and owned the first sawmill at Andersonville, this being one of the most important institutions of that place and period. Daniel Barber was reared to manhood in Franklin county and on attaining mature years he took up farming and sawmilling as his life work. His mill was a typical one of that day, its motive power being water, but nevertheless it had an important part in the establishment of the early homes. He was successful in his financial affairs, invested his profits in land and at one time was the owner of 389 acres, all located in Franklin county. Of the ten children born to him and his wife, six are now living, namely: Simeon M., John H., Emeline, Luella, Georgie A. and D. D. D. D. Barber received his educational training in the public schools of Franklin county. After leaving school he worked with his father on the home farm and in the sawmill for about five years, later devoting himself entirely to the farm until he became twenty-one years of age. He then engaged in farming on his own account, renting land until his marriage, at which time he located on a farm which he had bought several years before, and which comprised 173 acres. To the operation of this farm Mr. Barber gave his close attention, and was rewarded with so satisfactory a measure of prosperity that in 1916 he was enabled to retire from active farm work and since then has resided in New Salem. About 1912 he had bought 100 acres of land in Rush county and in 1916 he bought 108 acres more. Since then he has sold the 173 acres in Franklin county, and is now the owner of 208 acres of good farm land, which he rents out. Mr. Barber married Harriet Hildreth, the daughter of Reese and Elizabeth Hildreth, and they are the parents of two children, Beryl M., who is a student in

Indiana University, at Bloomington, and Amory L., who married Laverne Dunn and has two children, Ruth and Morris. Mr. Barber takes a live interest in the general affairs of the community, supporting all worthy enterprises, and he was one of the organizers of the New Salem State Bank, of which he is now vice-president and a member of the board of directors. Politically, he gives his support to the Republican party, while his religious affiliation is with the Little Flat Rock Christian Church, which he has served as deacon. He is a man of sound judgment and wise discrimination and enjoys to a marked degree the esteem of the entire community.

EDD. GARRIS, a representative citizen of this county and a well known farmer and stock raiser of Center township, was born in Greensboro, Henry county, Indiana, on March 9, 1890, and is the son of Burl H. and Anna (Lutholtz) Garris, the former a native of North Carolina and the latter born and reared in Henry county. The father was brought to Henry county in early life and in the schools of that locality secured his education. He followed agricultural pursuits during all his active years and was well and favorably known in Henry county. To him and his wife were born five children, three of whom are living, namely: Clifford E., Nellie and Edd. Edd. Garris secured his education in the schools of Fayette county and thereafter turned his attention to farming, remaining on the home farm with his father until his marriage, when he moved to Rush county and rented the place where he now lives, comprising eighty acres of good land. After renting this place for six years, Mr. Garris bought it and has since placed a number of permanent and substantial improvements on it, including a new garage. He keeps the place in good repair and its general appearance indicates him to be a man of good taste and sound judgment. Mr. Garris raises general crops and also gives some attention to live stock, raising about 150 head of hogs a year. On February 28, 1910, Mr. Garris was married to Iva Davis, a native of Center township and the daughter of John T. and Sarah (Thomas) Davis, farming folks of this locality. They were the parents of six children, of whom three are living, namely: William C., Mildred E. and Iva. Mr. and Mrs. Garris are the parents of two children, Thelma and Helen L., who are attending the Center school. Politically, Mr. Garris is an ardent supporter of the Republican party. Fraternally, he is a member of Mays lodge, No. 749, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Mays. Personally he is a man of genial disposition and generous attitude toward all worthy enterprises and is held in high esteem by those who know him.

DWIGHT MILLER, one of the leading citizens and representative agriculturists of Richland township, was born in that township on the fourth day of August, 1894, and is indebted to the common schools of Richland township for his educational training, completing his studies in the high school at New Salem. After completing his studies he turned his attention to farming and worked for his father until the latter's death, since when he has farmed on his

own account. He has been successful and is now the owner of the old home farm, comprising 285 acres, of which, however, he only cultivates 125 acres, renting out 160 acres. He carries on a diversified system of farming, raising all the crops common to this locality and feeding his grain to hogs, of which he handles from 150 to 200 a year. His farm is well improved and is numbered among the choice farms of Richland township. On August 19, 1914, Mr. Miller was married to Lois Green, the daughter of George and Mary Green, and they have a daughter, Hazel Mae. Mr. and Mrs. Miller are earnest members of the United Brethren church, and in matters political Mr. Miller gives his support to the Republican party; is a man of influence in local affairs and has always been in thorough sympathy with every movement for the betterment or advancement of his community. He is a man of pleasing address and is deservedly popular in his community.

EDWARD D. RETHERFORD, is a worthy representative of that type of American character and of that progressive spirit which promotes public good in advancing individual prosperity and conserving popular interests. Members of the Retherford family have been prominently identified with the agricultural interests of Rush county and they have held the confidence and respect of the people generally. The subject of this sketch was born in Rushville township, Rush county, on January 6, 1859, and is the son of Levi and Nancy E. (Minor) Retherford, further reference to whom is made elsewhere in this work. Edward D. Retherford received a sound, practical education in the public schools of Rushville, graduating from the high school there in 1876. He remained on the home farm until his marriage, when he rented a tract of land from his father and was occupied for about four years in its cultivation. Mr. Retherford then went to Shelby county, Indiana, where he bought forty acres of land, on which he lived for about two years. Selling that land, he then returned to Rush county and bought forty acres of land in Posey township, to which he later added twenty-one and a half acres, giving him sixty-one and a half acres. He then sold this place and bought another farm of fifty-five acres in the same township, on which he lived two years. He then bought 130 acres, comprisin his present homestead, to which he has added sixty acres, so that he now owns 190 acres in Center township. He made many fine improvements on his place and here carries on a general line of farming, together with stock raising, feeding about 150 head of hogs a year. On September 19, 1883, Mr. Retherford was married to Florence Morris, who was born in Rushville township, the daughter of Curtis and Rebecca (McMillan) Morris, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of Rush county. Mrs. Retherford engaged in teaching school at the early age of sixteen years, following that profession up to the time of her marriage. Her parents had seven children, three of whom are living, Oscar, Mrs. Ida Johnson and Mrs. Florence Retherford. To Mr. and Mrs. Retherford have been born six children, all of whom are living, namely: Carl, a farmer in Center township,

who married Ethel Gilson and has two children, Glenn and Lois; Byron, now in the employ of the Van Camp Hardware Company in Indianapolis, who married Ruby McDaniel and has four children, Curtis, Dalton, Kenneth and Dale E.; Hallie, who married George Hopper, a motor inspector at the Widley Motor Works in Indianapolis and has two children, Jean and June; Miriam, formerly a teacher of domestic science in the Rushville high school, who married Merle M. Colvin, of Flora, Ind., an inspector and auditing agent of the Atlantic Refining Company of Pittsburgh; Marjorie, a teacher in the schools at Manilla, and Lee, unmarried, who is engaged in farming on the home farm. Politically, Mr. Retherford is an ardent supporter of the Republican party. He is a member of the Farmers' Federation and he and his wife are members of the Christian church at Carthage.

WILLIAM MOORE, now living in comfortable retirement at Carthage, who, commencing life with but a meager education and slight advantages, worked his way to a substantial position in life, was born in Rockbridge county, Virginia, September 15, 1848, a son of James M. and Mary (Hostetter) Moore, natives of Virginia. The family came to Rush county during the early '60s, and here James M. Moore followed farming during the remainder of his life. William Moore had little opportunity to secure an education. The family was in modest financial circumstances and his assistance was needed in the work of the home place, and as a consequence his studies were neglected that his labor might produce a larger family income. However, through observation and reading he has acquired a broad knowledge of many practical matters. William Moore continued working with his father until about 1863, when he began working as a farm hand, and not long thereafter was married and began to rent land. His status was that of a renter for about eighteen years, at the end of which time he invested his carefully-saved capital in a tract of forty acres of land in Posey township, and this he cultivated with success until his retirement in 1915. In that year he rented his land to his son-in-law and purchased a comfortable home at Carthage, where he has since resided. Mr. Moore was married in 1873 to Ellen Miller, who was born in Ohio, daughter of Abram and Nancy Miller. Of the thirteen children born to this union, twelve survive: Bertha, Mary, James, Sanford, Abraham, Isaac, Andy, Charles, Garland, Samuel, Ira and Jane. Fannie, the next to the youngest child, died at the age of twelve years. The mother of these children died on February 3, 1904, and on July 19, 1905, Mr. Moore married Letha Lowry, who was born and educated at Knightstown, Ind., daughter of George and Anna (Scott) Lowry, the former a native of North Carolina and the latter of Virginia. Mr. Lowry was a stock buyer and shipper, and a man of standing and worth in his community. He and his wife were the parents of ten children, of whom five are living, Anna, Mary, Walter, Harry and Letha. Mr. and Mrs. Moore have one child, Ruth Ellen, born on July 8, 1907, who is now attending school at Carthage. The family holds membership in the Methodist church at Carthage. In his political views Mr. Moore is a Republican, but has not sought

preferment at the hands of his party or his fellow citizens. He has been an active and willing supporter of all movements which have had as their object the betterment and advancement of his community.

GLENN E. MOORE, proprietor of one of the largest floral establishments at Rushville, was born in Wayne county, Indiana, July 15, 1886, only son of George F. and Irene (Hunt) Moore, both natives of Wayne county, this state, who had two children, the subject of this sketch having a sister, Hazel. For a number of years George F. Moore conducted a floral shop at Milton, Ind., then moved to Rushville and continued in the business here until 1913, when he retired, selling out to his son. Glenn E. Moore had excellent educational advantages. Following his graduation from the high school at Rushville, he took a course in the Tri-State College at Angola, Ind., and upon his return home began to assist his father and has since continued engaged in the same business. In November, 1913, Mr. Moore purchased his father's plant and now has from 40,000 to 45,000 square feet of glass in his greenhouses. He grows many varieties of flowers but specializes on roses and carnations. On September 30, 1909, Mr. Moore married Lavonne Newhouse, who was born at Arlington, in this county, a daughter of William T. and Mary O. (Downey) Newhouse. The father of Mrs. Moore operated a blacksmith shop for many years at Arlington. She is the youngest of his three daughters, the others being Minnie A. and Rosa M. Mr. and Mrs. Moore have one son, Lowell E. T., who is attending school at Rushville. Mr. Moore and his family are members of the Christian church. Politically he has always been affiliated with the Republican party. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity and belongs also to the Odd Fellows and Elks at Rushville. Mr. Moore is numbered with the enterprising and dependable business men of the city.

EARL H. SEARS, a well-known farmer of Center township, is a native of that township, having been born there on August 12, 1875, and is the son of J. Otto and Ella M. (Ballinger) Sears, the former also a native of Center township and the latter born in the state of North Carolina and brought to Rush county in her infancy. The subject's father has been a lifelong farmer in Center township, where he owns 120 acres of good land. Of the three children born to him and his wife, two are living, the subject of this review having a brother, Claude. Earl Sears was reared on the paternal farmstead and secured his educational training in the Schively Corner school. He remained at home with his father until his marriage, in 1899, when he began farming operations on his own account and is still pursuing that vocation, in which he has met with a satisfactory measure of success. He is still operating rented land, and is cultivating his father's farm of 120 acres. He follows general farming, and also raises considerable live stock, handling from 150 to 200 hogs a year. He is methodical and up-to-date in his work and overlooks no means to elevate the standard of his work. On January 11, 1899, Mr. Sears was married to Fern F. Duke, who was born in Rush county, but was educated in the public schools of Greensburg, in Decatur county.

Her parents, John L. and Almeda (Williams) Duke, are both natives of Rush county, where the father followed farming throughout his life, being the owner of eighty acres of land. He and his wife had four children, namely: Elizabeth, deceased; Ina, Clennie and Fern F. Mr. and Mrs. Sears have one child, Lavaughn D., born on November 2, 1902, who is now a senior in the high school at Knightstown. Mr. Sears is a Republican in his political views and takes a commendable interest in public affairs, especially as pertaining to his own locality. He is now serving as assistant superintendent of roads for the fourth district of Rush county. He is a member of Lodge No. 99, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Knightstown. Mrs. Sears is an active member of the Center Christian church, while the daughter is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Knightstown.

JOSEPH GREEN, who is successfully pursuing his vocation on a farm of 270 acres in Anderson township, was born in Putnam county, Indiana, September 12, 1864, and is a son of James Marion and Martha E. (Smith) Green, natives of Kentucky. The grandparents of Mr. Green, James Green and his wife, who was a Nicholson, were natives of the state of Kentucky, where they spent their lives in agricultural pursuits. James Marion Green also was born in the Blue Grass state, where he was reared, educated and married, and following the latter event moved in 1864 to Indiana and located in Putnam county. After a short time he moved from there to Boone county, this state, where he secured possession of forty acres of land, on which he farmed during the rest of his life. He and his wife, who also was a native of Kentucky, were the parents of nine children: Fannie, Nannie, Lilly, Nettie, Joseph, Charles, Frank, James and Willard, of whom Joseph only is a resident of Rush county. Joseph Green was an infant when taken by his parents to Boone county and there his education was secured in the rural schools. As a young man he took up farming on the home place, and also worked out among neighboring farmers, eventually coming to Rush county, where he was married. At the time of his marriage Mr. Green became a renter and continued as such for four years, when he bought seventy-eight acres, which acreage he has since increased by good management and wise investment to 270 acres, all of which is now under cultivation, and all located in Anderson township. Mr. Green has developed into one of the successful general farmers and live stock growers of his locality and feeds from 200 to 400 hogs annually. Mr. Green married Emily Harlan, daughter of Nathan and Sallie Harlan, and to this union there was born one child, Voorhees Green. After the death of his first wife Mr. Green married Clarissa Harlan, a sister of his deceased wife, and to this union there have been born six children: Oval Harlan; Lottie May, who married Ernest Bower; Clifford, who married Alta Handshoe, and has one child, James Willard; and Ruth, Mary and George, who reside on the home place and are unmarried. Oval Harlan Green was born in Anderson township,

JOSEPH GREEN

OVAL HARLAN GREEN
(Killed in Action at Soissons, France, July 18, 1918)

MRS. JOSEPH GREEN

on October 14, 1893, and received his education in the schools of Anderson township and Milroy. After leaving school he took up farming with his father, and was so engaged until the entrance of the United States into the World war aroused his youthful patriotism and caused him to volunteer for service in June, 1917. He was accepted as a member of the Fifty-first Company, Fifth regiment, Second Battery, United States Marine Corps, and was sent to Paris Island, where he was in training until September, 1917, when he went to the Portsmouth (Va.) navy yards. On June 1, 1918, he started overseas and with his command was sent immediately to the front and into action. After seeing hard fighting in Belleau Woods, he met a brave soldier's death at Soissons, July 18, 1918. Joseph Green is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Milroy, and in politics is a Democrat. He and the members of his family are widely known in their community, where they are held in the highest respect and esteem. Mrs. Green is a member of the Christian church at Milroy.

JAMES W. MERCER, conspicuous among the representative agriculturists and stock raisers of Noble township, now residing in New Salem, has spent his entire life in this county. Mr. Mercer was born in Noble township on November 3, 1862, and is a son of John R. and Rebecca (Patterson) Mercer. Both parents were natives of Butler county, Ohio, where they were reared to maturity and were married. Several years after their marriage they came to Rush county and located in Noble township, where Mr. Mercer bought a farm of eighty acres and applied himself to general farming. He was successful in his efforts and increased his land holdings to 176 acres, lying in Noble and Richland townships. In 1865 Mr. Mercer ceased farm work and, moving to New Salem, engaged in the general mercantile business for a number of years. However, he finally again returned to farm work, locating in Fayette county, where his death occurred. He was a man of sterling qualities of character and in early life, in Butler county, Ohio, had been a successful school teacher. To him and his wife were born nine children, Genevera, Daniel W., Margaret Rosalpha, Emma J., James W., Olive Nancy, Jonas, Wilson Shannon and Rapha B. James W. Mercer received his educational training in the public schools at New Salem. Soon after leaving school, he was married and immediately thereafter rented ninety-six acres of land from his father and applied himself to its operation. After working rented land for about six years, he bought twelve acres of land, which he owned but a short time, and then sold that and engaged in the meat business at New Salem, following the latter business for several years. He then was engaged in the grocery business for about seven years, at the end of which time he bought forty-eight acres of land and again turned his attention to farming. Sometime later he sold that tract and bought eighty acres in Noble township, to which he has added twenty acres, making his present holdings 100 acres.

Mr. Mercer follows a general line of farming, in connection with which he also gives some attention to the raising and feeding of live stock. Up-to-date and enterprising in his methods, he has met with a very satisfactory measure of success and is numbered among the progressive and representative agriculturists of Noble township. Mr. Mercer was married to Maggie McKee, daughter of James and Emily (Matthews) McKee. Mrs. Mercer is a native of Noble township and received her education in the local schools. Her father was a native of Rush county, while her mother was born and reared in Penn Yan, New York. James McKee, who was the youngest son of Nathaniel McKee, a native of Kentucky and one of the pioneer settlers of Rush county, was a farmer by vocation and also worked some at the blacksmith trade. To him and his wife were born six children, of which number but two are now living, Mrs. Mercer and Henry, of Anderson, Ind. To Mr. and Mrs. Mercer have been born five children, namely: Grace, who became the wife of Leslie Miller and has two children, Ruth and Robert; Ethel, the wife of Glenn Guffin and the mother of three children, Lowell, Charles and Lucile; Fay, who became the wife of Carl Dausch and is the mother of three children, Russell, Norma and Florence; Eva, the wife of Earl Vogel; and Vera. Politically, Mr. Mercer is a stanch adherent of the Democratic party, served as assessor of Noble township for three years, and can always be counted upon as a supporter of every worthy movement for the advancement of the community.

WILLIAM L. WALKER, an honored veteran of the Civil war, a former member of the board of commissioners of Rush county and formerly and for years postmaster of Carthage, in which city he is now living retired from the active labors of life, is a native son of Rush county and has spent all his life here. He was born on a farm in Center township, this county, June 19, 1943, a son of John W. and Cynthia (Phelps) Walker, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of North Carolina. The father was a lifelong farmer in Ripley township, and became the owner of 400 acres of land. Of the five children in the family, only two survive: Amanda and William L. The educational training of William L. Walker was acquired in the public schools of Ripley township, and at the age of eighteen years, in 1862, he enlisted in Company G, Sixteenth regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, for service in the Civil war. He saw three years of hard and hazardous service, and during the engagement at Richmond, Ky., was captured by the enemy, but was subsequently exchanged and rejoined his regiment, with which he remained until the close of his term of service, being mustered out as sergeant major of the regiment. Upon his return from the war, the brave young soldier resumed farming with his father, with whom he remained until his marriage, following which he began operations on his own account on a small farm of forty acres, which he owned. In addition to this he rented other land, and as time went on and his capital increased added to his holdings from time to time until he had accumulated his present

property of 199 acres, all in Ripley township. While he now resides at Carthage, he is still the owner of this property and supervises its operation. In addition to being a general farmer, Mr. Walker has made somewhat of a specialty of raising live stock, and for a time was a successful breeder of Duroc hogs. Of more recent years he has devoted himself more especially to the raising of Shorthorn cattle, and his annual sales, at which he disposes of from twenty to thirty head, are largely attended by buyers from all over this and adjoining counties. He belongs to the various state cattle growers' associations and has been particularly active in the Shorthorn Breeders' Association. He bears an excellent reputation in business circles, and as a citizen has performed his duties in a capable and public-spirited manner. For nine years he was a member of the board of commissioners of Rush county, and for a like period held the postmastership at Carthage. In his political allegiance he is a stanch Republican. Mr. Walker, as a Mason, was the first to receive the degree of the lodge at Carthage. He belongs to the Carthage Methodist church. On March 11, 1868, Mr. Walker was united in marriage to Nancy A. Hackleman, who was born in Rush county, daughter of Cicero and Elizabeth (Newhouse) Hackleman, farming people of this county, and who died on September 20, 1919. There were nine children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Hackleman: Charlotte M., Mary A., Amanda, May, Cicero M., Nancy, James M., John and Richard, the last four of whom are deceased.

EPHRAIM W. BALL, senior member of the firm of Ball & Orme, grain elevator operators at Rushville, was born on March 13, 1856, at New Palestine, Hancock county, Indiana. His parents were William and Martha (Moore) Ball, the former of whom was born in Mercer county, Pennsylvania, and the latter in Rush county, in which latter county they were married. Eight children were born to them: Mary, of Shelbyville, Ind.; Ephraim W., of Rushville; Olive, of Walker township, Rush county; Fannie, of Rushville; Edward, of Washington, Ind.; Minnie, of Alexandria, Ind.; and Hattie and Lot, both of Rushville. The father of this family followed farming in Posey township, Rush county, during the greater part of his life, and owned 160 acres of fine land. Ephraim W. Ball attended the Offutt district school in Posey township and assisted his father on the home farm for a time, then went to Rushville and found employment with the A. G. Mauzy Elevator Company. He remained with this firm for twelve years, during which time he thoroughly mastered the elevator business, which knowledge he later turned to good account when he embarked in the same business in partnership with James H. Ball. For five years the enterprise was conducted under the firm style of the Ball & Ball Elevator Company, at the end of which time the business was sold, but two years later, when Arnold Orme went into the elevator business, Ephraim W. Ball re-entered business and the present firm of Ball & Orme was organized. It is still carried on at its original location which was formerly known as the Mauzy

& Churchill elevator. A prosperous business with considerable expansion has followed, and the reputation of the firm is high. Mr. Ball has been twice married. On February 27, 1877, he was united in marriage to Belle Frazee, who was born in this county, daughter of Capt. James H. and Anna E. (Alexander) Frazee, who were the parents of five children, three of whom are still living, Mrs. Jessie Webb and Mrs. Mollie Gregg, of Rushville, and James Frazee, of Noblesville, Ind. To this union two children were born, Pearl and William H. Pearl Ball married Arnold Orme, Mr. Ball's business partner, and has five children, William, Thomas, Fern, Frank and Fay. William H. Ball also has been twice married and by his first wife is the father of two children, Kathryn and Donald. His second wife was Lillian (Ball) Seigersen. Following the death of Mrs. Belle (Frazee) Ball, Ephraim W. Ball married Mary Cherry, of Indianapolis. Mr. Ball and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. As a business man he takes an interest in civic affairs, has always been politically identified with the Republican party, and has served one term as city councilman. He is a thirty-second degree Mason, is a member of the Mystic Shrine and belongs also to the Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias and the Red Men.

ORA V. SMITH, one of the well known farmers and landowners of Union township living on R. F. D. No. 1 out of Falmouth, was born in Rush county, a member of one of the old families here, and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in Union township on June 25, 1875, son of James and Rebecca (Daubenspeck) Smith, both of whom also were born in Rush county. James Smith, who is still living in Union township, is a member of one of the pioneer families of Union township, his father, George Smith, having been a son of Lewis Smith, who was one of the original entrants of land in that township, the Smiths thus having been represented here since the very beginning of a social order hereabout. James Smith "grew up" to the farm and has been engaged in the agricultural vocation all his life, one of the best known men in his home township. To him and his wife three children were born, those besides the subject of this sketch being Verne and Lillie. Reared on the home farm, Ora V. Smith received his schooling in the local schools and from the days of his boyhood has devoted his attention to farming. He remained on his father's farm, a valued assistant in the labors of developing the same, until his marriage when he rented his father's place. Then he bought a tract of 116 acres, the place on which he is now living, and there established his home. Mr. Smith has done well in his operations and by purchase of adjacent land has increased his holdings to 122 acres. He has developed and improved this place in admirable fashion and has a well equipped farm plant. In addition to his general farming he raises about 200 head of hogs a year and is recognized as one of the progressive farmers of the neighborhood. In 1912 Ora V. Smith was united in marriage to Henrietta Dissel-

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koen, who was born in New York state, a daughter of John and Marie Disselkoen, and to this union four children have been born, Florence, Ralph, James and Byron. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are Republicans. Mrs. Smith is a member of the Christian church and Mr. Smith is a member of the Masonic lodge at Rushville. They have a pleasant home and take an interested part in the general social activities of the community in which they live.

BEN F. REEVE, who for many years has been substantially and honorably identified with the agricultural development of Noble township, from small beginnings rising to a prominent position and to the ownership of a property that enabled him to retire in 1917 upon a comfortable allowance, is a native son of Rush county and has lived here all his life. He was born on November 14, 1848, on the farm he still occupies in Noble township, a son of Elder Benjamin F. and Elizabeth B. (Parker) Reeve, the former born on October 28, 1798, in Prince William county, Virginia, of Welsh descent, and the latter of Kentucky. Further mention of Elder Reeve is made in the chapter on churches in this work. The parents of Mr. Reeve had three children, Hester, Jennie and Ben F. By a former marriage, with a Miss Driscoll, Elder Reeve had seven children, George Mac, Clay, Jack, Martha, Lillie, Elizabeth and Matilda. Ben F. Reeve spent his time after the usual manner of farmers' sons, sharing the educational, religious and social advantages of his neighborhood and forging to the front in his understanding and knowledge of agriculture. On leaving school he became associated with his father, with whom he remained until he attained his majority, then beginning his career as a renter on land owned by his father. When the elder man died in 1877, Mr. Reeve began the management and operation of his mother's farm of 160 acres, caring for her as well as the farm until her death in 1881, when he inherited fifty-three acres of the home place. That he was an exceptional manager and shrewd investor was patent to all who knew of his earlier struggles and the industry of his maturity, and he was later able to buy 120 acres additional, farming the whole tract of 173 acres until 1913. In that year he returned to the operation of the fifty-three-acre tract, which was cultivated by him until 1917, when he retired permanently from active labor. During his career Mr. Reeve applied himself to general farming and stock raising. He always invested a reasonable share of his profits in improvements, and his property generally became one of the model and practical farms of the township. While not now engaged in active participation in farming, he still maintains his interest in matters agricultural, and is frequently consulted by the men of the younger generation who are entering upon their work in this field of effort. In 1871 Mr. Reeve was united in marriage to Lora Mitchell, daughter of Thomas V. and Amanda Mitchell, and to this union there have been born two children, one who died in infancy, and Margaret, who married Dr. George B. Jones and has one child, Richard. Mr. Reeve's first wife died in 1876 and in 1882 he married

Sue Gray, a daughter of George and Mary Gray, and who died on January 10, 1920. Two children blessed this union: Frank, who married Abbie Shrader; and J. Blaine, who married Bertha Bowen and has two children, Agnes and Lillian. Mr. Reeve is a consistent member of the Little Flat Rock Christian Church. He is a stalwart Republican in his political views.

T. L. BEHER, one of the farmers of Rush county who have, by their own efforts, climbed the ladder of success until they are now in a position to command the respect and confidence of their fellows, is a native son of Rush county, having been born in Jackson township on February 19, 1871. His parents, Oren and Laura (Smith) Beher, were both also natives of Rush county. The father followed agricultural pursuits during the major portion of his life, or until 1900, when he retired and moved to Carthage. He and his wife were the parents of eight children, of which number seven are living, namely: Howard B., Cleveland, Herbert, Myrtie, Abigail, Olie and T. L. T. L. Beher was reared under the parental roof and secured his education in the David schoolhouse, in Jackson township. After completing his studies he remained at home, assisting his father in the farm work until his marriage, when he began farming on his own account, first on rented land. After renting for about two years, Mr. Beher bought the place where he now lives in Center township, comprising 101 acres of excellent land, on which he has placed many permanent and substantial improvements, maintaining the fertility of the soil and meeting with a satisfactory measure of prosperity. He has remodeled the house, built a new barn and now the place is one of the most attractive in that locality. Mr. Beher carries on a general line of farming, and also gives some attention to the raising of live stock. On October 5, 1890, Mr. Beher was married to Bertha Florea, who was born on the place where she now lives, and who received her education in the Ball school in Center township. She is the daughter of Josiah and Martha (Price) Florea, the former a native of Adams county, Ohio, and the later of Rush county. Mr. Florea was a successful and prominent farmer, owning 120 acres of land in Rush county and 120 acres in Grant county, Indiana. To him and his wife were born eleven children, of which number six are now living, namely: Mrs. Sarah Saunders, of Battle Creek, Mich.; Mrs. Mary Johnson, of Shirley, Ind.; Mrs. Anna Dore, of Knightstown, Ind.; Mrs. Lena McDaniel, of Mays, Ind.; Mrs. Bell Jones, of Center township, Rush county, and Bertha, wife of the subject of this sketch. Mr. and Mrs. Beher have no children of their own, but they have an adopted daughter, Doris, the wife of Edward Berry, a bookkeeper in Rushville. Politically, Mr. Beher is independent, preferring to vote for the man and measures approved by his own judgment, rather than to follow blindly the dictates of party. Fraternally, he is a member of Lodge No. 35, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Rushville. Quiet and unassuming in manner, Mr. Beher possesses the qualities which beget friendships and he is popular to a marked degree among his associates.

HENRY W. SCHRADER, ex-assessor of Rush county, now living practically retired at Rushville, one of the best known men in the county, was born at Cincinnati, Ohio, March 11, 1853, a son of William and Eleanora (Detmersing) Schrader, who were born near Hamburg, Germany, were reared and married there, and in 1848 came to the United States. During the rest of his life William Schrader followed the trade of hatmaker in the city of Cincinnati. Seven children made up his family and four of these are living, William, Henry W., Sophia and Bertha. Henry W. Schrader had excellent public school training at Cincinnati, then learned the trade of watchmaker and jeweler, which he followed for four years after coming to Indiana and locating at Rushville. A desire to see the Western country led him then to go to California and while there he rented land in Sonoma county and followed farming for three years. In 1879 he returned to Rush county and bought a farm of sixty-two acres in Jackson township, which he operated until 1919, when he rented the property to his son and retired to Rushville. He had been a general farmer, giving some attention to stock, and turned off about fifty head of hogs a year. On September 8, 1874, Mr. Schrader married Emma Ross, who died on January 24, 1917, her burial being in East Hill cemetery. She was a native of Rush county, a daughter of J. M. and Elizabeth (Smelser) Ross. Her father was once a man of political prominence, serving in the state legislature, and he owned 1,000 acres of land in Union township, Rush county. Two of the Ross children still live, Josephine and Emerson. Three children were born to Mr. Schrader's first marriage: Ross, a farmer in Rush county, who married Cecelia Barrett, and has one child, Isabella; William, an electrician living in Chicago, who is married and has a son, William; and Abigail, who is the wife of Frank G. Reeves, a farmer in Noble township, this county. On November 24, 1919, Mr. Schrader married Mrs. Flora (Newhouse) Abernathy, who by her first marriage had one child, a daughter, Irene C., now a student in the Rushville high school. Mr. Schrader is a member of the Presbyterian church at Rushville, while his wife is a member of the Baptist church. A Republican in politics, on that party ticket he was elected, in 1914, to the office of county assessor and served until 1919. Mr. Schrader is a member of Franklin Lodge, No. 35, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Rushville, and Bernice Encampment, No. 12.

S. L. RYON, assessor of Noble township, formerly an active farmer of that township and now living in New Salem, was born in Franklin county, Indiana, on July 8, 1854, and is the son of James A. and Hannah J. (Miller) Ryon, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of Ohio. The father was brought to Indiana in his childhood by his parents, who located in Franklin county, where he was educated and grew to manhood. He took up the vocation of farming and in 1853 was married, after which he moved to Rush county, locating in Richland township. There he farmed for awhile as a

renter, but eventually he bought eighty acres of land, which he operated until his removal to Hamilton county, Indiana, where he remained for several years. He then returned to Rush county and here spent his last days. Of the five children born to him and his wife, but two are now living, the subject of this review and a sister, Margaret. S. L. Ryon attended the schools of Franklin and Rush counties and then, up to the time of his marriage, he assisted in the farm work of the home place. After his marriage he rented land and for about twenty-two years was engaged in the operation of rented land, renting from 100 to 260 acres. In 1908 he bought eighty acres of land in Boone county, Indiana, which he operated for about four years, and then sold that and, returning to Rush county, bought eighty acres of land in Noble township, which he farmed for four years and then sold. He has also owned other property since then, but no longer gives his personal attention to the operation of his farms. Mr. Ryon was married to Luella E. Watson, the daughter of David Watson. Fraternally, he is a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Improved Order of Red Men. Politically, he is a stanch supporter of the Republican party and is the present assessor of Noble township.

NEWTON I. GRUELL, numbered among the enterprising young farmers of Richland township, is, in his work, following in the footsteps of his father and grandfather, the love of the soil being ingrained in his nature. He was born in Richland township on February 13, 1886, son of Charles M. Gruell, and grandson of Isaac Gruell. The family was founded in Rush county by the great-grandfather, Atica Gruell, who, with his wife Rachel, came here and in 1836 opened a tannery at Rushville. Isaac Gruell, his son, was a farmer and veterinary. He married Sarah Young, who, like him, was born near Waterloo, Ind., and they had eleven children, of whom seven still survive. Charles M. Gruell is now a farmer of Noble township, but has operated farming properties in Richland and Union townships, and is well-known throughout Rush county. On August 24, 1882, Charles M. Gruell was married to Catherine D. Smith, a native of Noble township. The maternal grandparents of Newton I. Gruell were Thomas N. and Charlotte (Thompson) Smith, natives of Noble township, who later became farming people of Union township, and owners of 600 acres of land. Charles M. Gruell and his wife became the parents of the following children: Hattie, Newton I., Clem, Lottie, Josephine (deceased), Alice and Harvina. Newton I. Gruell attended the Clifty school in Richland township until old enough to begin farming with his father, with whom he remained until his marriage. At that time he rented 160 acres of land in Richland township, where he has continued ever since. For eight years he has been operating 260 acres of rented land and feeds about 130 head of hogs a year. Mr. Gruell was married on June 3, 1908, to Una Spillman, daughter of George Spillman, and has two children, Lowell and Harold. Mr. and Mrs.

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Gruell are members of the Methodist Protestant church at New Salem, and Mr. Gruell is one of the church trustees. He is a Republican and takes a good citizen's interest in civic affairs.

SAMUEL L. NEWSOM, a well-known citizen of Carthage, who long took an active part in its commercial life, now living retired from active affairs, but maintaining a lively interest in the life of his community, was born at Carthage on February 15, 1869, a son of Allen W. and Anna M. (White) Newsom, natives of Rush county. His father, who was identified with mercantile affairs during the greater part of a long, active and successful career, is now living in retirement at an advanced age. He has been married twice. His first wife, the mother of Samuel L. Newsom, died in February, 1878, and in 1883 he married Ellen Pusy. Of his six children, four by his first wife and two by his second, five are still living: Winona, Samuel L., Cora B., Floyd R. and Howard A. Samuel L. Newsom was graduated from the Carthage high school in 1886. He then spent one year at Earlham College and a year at West Point. Returning to Carthage in 1891, he began working for his father and continued to be employed thus until 1899, when he bought out the elder man. During the next twenty years he continued to conduct the establishment in a highly successful manner, and when he sold out, in 1919, it was to retire upon a well-earned competence. He occupies one of the modern residences of Carthage, where he has every comfort and convenience. Mr. Newsom has always been a great booster for his home city and has left no opportunity pass to extol its beauties and advantages, or to support any measure that would add to its advancement or welfare. He is a member of Rush Lodge, No. 580, Free and Accepted Masons, of Carthage, and in political affairs maintains an independent stand. With his family, he belongs to the Carthage Meeting of Friends. On November 30, 1893, Mr. Newsom married Annie W. Henley, who was born at Carthage and attended the public schools of that place and Earlham College. She is a daughter of Thomas W. and Hannah (Williams) Henley, the former a native of North Carolina and the latter of Ohio. Mrs. Newsom's parents were agricultural people and the parents of seven children, of whom five are living: R. Edgar, Abbie J., Eunice, William J. and Annie H. Mr. and Mrs. Newsom have one daughter, Katherine, born on September 22, 1894. She was educated in the Carthage graded and high schools and Western College, Oxford, Ohio, and also attended Oberlin College. She married Henry B. Henley, a successful young business man of Terre Haute, Ind., where he is engaged as a wholesale florist.

WALTER T. VANDAMENT, M. D., a well-known member of the medical profession in Rush county, now practicing at Carthage, was born in Union township, this county, April 17, 1887, a son of Joseph S. and Laura R. (Newkirk) Vandament, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Indiana. Joseph S. Vandament was a young man when he came to Rush county and he has passed his life in agricultural pursuits, principally in Union township, where

he is the owner of a farm of 115 acres. Of the five children of this parentage, three are living, Doctor Vandament having two sisters, Mary and Mildred. Walter T. Vandament received his education in the public schools of Union township, following which he spent one year at Butler College, Indianapolis, and two years at the Ohio Medical College, Cincinnati. His training for his profession was completed by two years at the medical school of Indiana State University, from which he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1912. In that year he went to Kennard, in Henry county, Indiana, where he established himself in practice, and during the six years that he was a resident of that place built up a remunerative and representative practice. The demands of the World war, however, interrupted his career at this time, and on January 20, 1918, he enlisted in the United States Medical Corps, with which organization he served two years and seven months, with the rank of first lieutenant. During fourteen months of this time Doctor Vandament served in France, with an evacuation hospital, but an injury caused his return to the United States, where he arrived on May 29, 1919. He was then appointed flight surgeon at Gerstner Field, Lake Charles, La., where he served until July 10, 1920, going then to Atlanta, Ga., where he received his honorable discharge on August 10, 1920. After completing his military service, Doctor Vandament located at Carthage, where he has since successfully engaged in the practice of his profession. He has shown himself a skilled practitioner and a capable and steady-handed surgeon, while a cheerful personality is not the least part of his equipment for a profession for which he is admirably fitted. He belongs to several organizations of his profession and has the esteem and respect of his fellow practioners. On July 16, 1910, in New Mexico, Doctor Vandament married Gretta P. Kirkpatrick, who is a daughter of Thomas and Sarah Kirkpatrick. Mrs. Vandament was born in the state of Nebraska and is a graduate of the Kearney Normal School of that state. Doctor and Mrs. Vandament have one child, Laura Geneva, born June 12, 1911, who is now attending school at Carthage. Doctor and Mrs. Vandament are members of the Plum Creek Christian Church. As a fraternalist, the Doctor belongs to Phoenix Lodge, No. 62, Free and Accepted Masons, at Rushville, Falmouth Lodge, No. 568, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Tanpah Tribe, No. 102, Improved Order of Red Men, Rushville.

JOHN S. DAVIS, for many years a substantial citizen and successful general farmer in Rush county, was born in Anderson township, this county, January 10, 1870, one of a family of seven children born to Samuel H. and Mary E. (Henry) Davis, the other survivors being James H., Robert S., Eliazbeth, Nancy M. and Charles T. His father spent his entire active life as a farmer in Rush county and at one time owned 525 acres in Anderson township. John S. Davis attended the Stewart school in district No. 4, Richland township, and the high school at Richland, after which he

assisted his father on the home farm until he was twenty-three years old. At that time he began farming on his own account, renting 116 acres from his father, and two years later inherited sixty acres of this tract and then bought the remainder. For twenty years after this he devoted himself to the improvement and cultivation of his farm, through good management and careful methods making his undertakings profitable. At the end of that time he traded that property for another consisting of 170 acres situated in Rushville township, which he still owns. Here he carries on general farming and gives considerable attention also to raising hogs, marketing about 200 head yearly. Since moving from the farm Mr. Davis resides at No. 134 West Seventh street, Rushville. On March 23, 1893, Mr. Davis married Lola M. Patterson, who was born in Rush county, second child of Darius and Mary I. (Hite) Patterson, farming people in Richland township. Mr. and Mrs. Davis have one daughter, Pauline LaVerne, who was born on March 10, 1899. After attending the public schools in Richland township and in Anderson township, and after being graduated from the high school at Rushville, Miss Davis spent one year as a student in the state university at Bloomington, and later attended the normal university at Muncie, Ind. Mr. Davis is a member of the United Presbyterian church at Rushville, while his wife and daughter are members of the Christian church. He is a Republican and takes a good citizen's interest in public affairs.

EDWARD ADKINS, one of the well known farmers of Ripley township and accounted one of the substantial men of the Carthage community, was born on June 1, 1864, in Decatur county, Indiana, a son of John D. and Catherine (Fisher) Adkins, natives of that county, where they were educated and where they passed their lives in the pursuits of agriculture. They were the parents of five children, of whom two survive, Mr. Adkins having a sister, Mrs. May Barger, of Walker township, this county. Edward Adkins was given ordinary educational advantages in the district schools of Decatur county and after being associated for a time with his father, took a trip to Kansas, where he remained two years. Returning to Decatur county, he engaged in farming as a renter, taking care of his mother and sister in the meantime, his father having died, but after four years turned his attention to the drilling of gas wells, although he still continued his operations as a farmer in Decatur county for about one year after taking up the new line. From Decatur county he moved to Carthage, in this county, and rented about 1,000 acres of land in Ripley township, this land being divided into several farms, which he continued to operate for about twelve years. During this time he had four gas well rigs in action and bought and sold stock of all kinds to a large extent. At the present time Mr. Adkins owns 197 acres of excellent land in Ripley township, on which he has the largest sugar camp in the state of Indiana, comprising about 2,500 trees. He buys and feeds off many hogs annually, and is an extensive raiser of swine, usually growing about 300 to 400 each year, in addition to

twenty-five head of cattle. His extensive operations are carried on in a progressive, energetic way and he has built up a sound reputation in his community. On August 23, 1893, Mr. Adkins married Minnie W. Walker, who was born in Rushville township, this county, and was educated at district school No. 9. She is a daughter of Thomas J. and Harriet (Fleener) Walker, natives of Rush county. Mr. Walker, a lifelong farmer, was the owner of forty-six acres of land in Rushville township. Mr. and Mrs. Walker were the parents of two children, Edgar and Minnie W. After Mr. Walker's death, Mrs. Walker married J. J. Anderson, and is a resident of Edinburg, Johnson county, Indiana. Mrs. Adkins is a member of the Presbyterian church of Rushville, and she and Mr. Adkins are members of Rebekah Lodge, No. 453, Carthage. Mr. Adkins also holds membership in Carthage Lodge, No. 255, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Greensburg Lodge 148, Knights of Pythias and Rushville Lodge, No. 3548, Modern Woodmen of America. In his political views he is a Democrat.

GEORGE WALTER BRODIE, widely known as one of the active and successful agriculturists of Rush county, and proprietor of an excellent farm in Richland township, was born in Franklin county, Indiana, on the twenty-fifth day of August, 1870, and is the son of Peter and Sarah (Hoarth) Brodie, the former a native of Scotland and the latter of Cincinnati, Ohio. Peter Brodie came to the United States when about sixteen years of age, accompanying his parents on the long and tiresome ocean trip of nine weeks. They located near Cincinnati, Ohio, where the lad turned his attention to farm work, at which he was employed until his removal to Franklin county, Indiana, where for a time he operated rented land as a tenant. After his marriage he removed to Decatur county, locating in Clarksburg, where he lived during the remainder of his life. To him and his wife were born eleven children, seven of whom are now living, namely: William, John, Mattie, George Walter, Mary, Bert and Chester. George Walter Brodie secured his education in the public schools of Decatur county and after the completion of his studies he was employed as a farm hand until 1896, when he began to farm on his own account, renting land in Richland township, which has been the scene of his operations ever since, and he is now one of the best known and most highly esteemed farmers in that locality. He is now renting and operating 205 acres of land and also is the owner of 253 acres of fine land in Richland township and Fayette county, his own land being rented out. Mr. Brodie has always given his attention to general farming and stock raising, feeding and sending to market about seventy-five hogs a year. He is enterprising and progressive in his tendency and his farm gives evidence of his industrious and practical habits. In 1892 Mr. Brodie was married to Nancy Elizabeth Brickler, the daughter of George and Sarah (Lewis) Brickler. To this union have been born four children, as follows: Ada, who became the wife of Chester

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Bergen and they have five children, Robert, Earl, Lowell, Walter and Lewis Edwin; Ralph; Carrie, who became the wife of Lawrence Richards and is the mother of one child, Paul; Paul, who was married to Margaret Bohannon and has one child, Charles Donald. Mr. Brodie gives his support to the Republican party, though not an aspirant for public office. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in the subordinate lodge of which he has passed through the chairs. He and his family are actively identified with the Christian church, of which he has served as deacon. Mr. Brodie is a man of genial disposition and kindly impulses and is well liked by all with whom he has been associated. He is public spirited and gives his support to every movement for the public welfare.

GLEN E. FOSTER, assistant cashier of the Peoples National Bank of Rushville and widely known in commercial circles throughout this section of the state, is a native of the old Buckeye state, but has been a resident of Indiana and of Rush county since the days of his boyhood. He was born at Reiley in Butler county, Ohio, January 31, 1890, and is a son of Robert L. and Mary J. (Welliver) Foster, who are now living on their farm in the vicinity of Greensburg, this state, and the latter of whom also was born in Butler county, a member of one of the old families there. Her father was the proprietor of a wagon factory and in his day supplied the greater part of the local demand in his vicinity for wagons. Robert L. Foster, who has for years been widely known throughout this section of the state, as a buyer of horses, was born in Ripley county, this state, a member of one of the pioneer families of that county, and early became engaged in farming, a vocation he has followed all his life, in addition to which he has been an extensive dealer in horses, buying for the outside markets. For some years he was a resident of Anderson township, this county, proprietor of a farm in the Milroy neighborhood, but presently bought a farm in the vicinity of Greensburg, in the neighboring county of Decatur, and has since made his home there, very comfortably situated. He and his wife have three sons, Glen E. Foster having two brothers, Park E. Foster, unmarried, who is farming in Decatur county and who during the time of America's participation in the World war had eleven months of overseas service as a corporal in the railroad artillery, and Russell H. Foster, also a Decatur county farmer, who married Mildred Christ, of Adams, that county. Glen E. Foster received his primary schooling at College Corner, Ohio, and when his parents came to Rush county he entered the Milroy schools and was graduated from the high school there with the class of 1908. He then spent a year at Winona normal school and upon his return became engaged as a clerk in a general store at Milroy, a position he held for three years, at the end of which time he took a course in the normal school at Marion, Ind., and for the following term was engaged as teacher in district school No. 1 in Anderson township. He was engaged for the succeeding

term and had served two months of this second engagement when, in 1913, the Peoples National Bank of Rushville tendered him a position as bookkeeper in the bank. Resigning his school he accepted this position and two years later became a teller in the bank, a position he continued to fill until his promotion on December 1, 1917, to the office of assistant cashier, which office he continues to fill, one of the best known young bankers in this part of Indiana. On June 10, 1914, Glen E. Foster was united in marriage to Marie Brown, who was born in this county, daughter of Harvey F. and Carrie C. (Paulus) Brown, members of old families in Rush county and further mention of whom is made elsewhere in this work, and to this union one child has been born, a son, Charles Brown Foster, born on February 20, 1915. Mr. and Mrs. Foster are members of the Christian church at Rushville and during 1919-20 Mr. Foster was secretary of the board of trustees of the same. He is a Scottish Rite Mason and also is a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, affiliated with Murat Temple at Indianapolis, and is a member of the local chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star and of the local lodges of the Red Men and the Tall Cedars of Lebanon at Rushville. Mr. and Mrs. Foster have a pleasant home at 1001 North Main street and have ever taken an interested part in the general social activities of their home town.

FIRMAN B. TARPLEE, recognized as one of the leading young farmers of Richland township, was born in Decatur county, Indiana, on September 25, 1890, and is a son of John T. and Mollie (McDaniel) Tarplee. Both of these parents also are natives of Indiana, the father having been born in Decatur county and the mother in Franklin county. John T. Tarplee was reared to manhood in his native county, receiving a good practical public school education. After his marriage he gave his attention to farming pursuits for a time, but eventually engaged in the hardware business at Clarksburg, continuing in that line for twenty-one years. He then sold his business and located on the farm which is now the home of the subject of this sketch, and there he made his home until his retirement from active life, in 1917, when he moved to Clarksburg, where he now resides. He is the owner of 160 acres of excellent farm land. To him and his wife have been born six children, Lillie, Chessie, Myrtle, Looney, Susan and Firman B. Firman B. Tarplee attended the school of Clarksburg, including two years in the high school, and then entered his father's store, where he remained until 1915, when he turned his attention to farming. The following year he started working on his father's farm and in 1917 he rented the place and has continued to operate it since. The place, which comprises 160 acres, is well equipped in every respect, and has been maintained at the highest standard of excellence. Mr. Tarplee is practical and up-to-date in his ideas and is gaining an enviable reputation as a progressive and successful agriculturist. Mr. Tarplee puts about forty acres out to corn and a like acreage to small grain, and also gives considerable attention to

live stock, feeding about 100 hogs and a carload of cattle annually. On February 25, 1917, Mr. Tarplee was married to Grace May Pike, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pike. Mr. and Mrs. Tarplee are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Clarksburg and Mr. Tarplee belongs to the Free and Accepted Masons at Clarksburg. Politically, he gives his support to the Democratic party.

LLOYD M. MACY, recognized as one of the energetic farmers of Posey township, was born in that township on August 22, 1891, and is the son of Byron and Lena (Miller) Macy, both of whom also were born and reared in Rush county. The subject's father was a lifelong farmer, operating the farm where the subject now lives during a major portion of that time. Lloyd M. Macy received his educational training in district school No. 9 and the Arlington high school. He remained at home, helping with the farm work, until eighteen years of age, when, his father having died, he assumed entire charge of the place and has continued to operate it to the present time. Some time ago Mr. Macy bought his sister's interest in the farm and after his mother's death bought the other one-third, now owning the whole farm. Mr. Macy carries on general farming operations, including stock raising, and has been very successful. He usually feeds and markets about a carload of hogs each year. On November 25, 1917, Mr. Macy was married to Muriel Van Scyoc, who was born in Shelby county, Indiana, the daughter of John H. and Alice (Robbins) Van Scyoc. Mr. Van Scyoc was a farmer by vocation and stood high in public esteem. He and his wife had four children, one of whom is deceased, the survivors being Eva, Burl and Muriel. Mr. and Mrs. Macy are members of the United Brethren church and in politics Mr. Macy gives his support to the Republican party. Genial in disposition and unassuming in manner, he enjoys the friendship and good will of all who know him.

ARGUS D. WAGONER, one of the progressive and enterprising young farmers of Orange township and a widely recognized specialist in seed culture, was born in that same township and has lived there all his life. He was born on August 28, 1879, son and only child of James and Clara (Cartmel) Wagoner, the latter of whom was born in Liberty township in the neighboring county of Shelby and both of whom are still living in Orange township. James Wagoner was born in that township, a member of the well known Wagoner family which has been represented here since pioneer days, and has followed farming and stock raising all his days, the owner of a well kept farm of ninety-six acres which his son is now managing. Reared on that farm, Argus D. Wagoner received his schooling in the neighborhood schools and was early trained to the ways of the farm. He also learned railway telegraphing and for a year or more during the days of his young manhood was engaged as a station telegrapher on the Big Four railroad. He married at the age of twenty-five and has since made his home on the home place, which he has rented from his father. He also owns a tract of four acres surrounding his home, and in addi-

tion to his general farming gives considerable attention to the raising of live stock, feeding about fifty head of hogs a year. For some years Mr. Wagoner has given his most thoughtful attention to seed culture and in 1919 at the "open to the world" show at Columbus, this state, won first prize on his exhibit in that line, and at the national swine show at Des Moines, Iowa, he won first prize for the best ten ears of yellow corn shown there, and also won the sweepstake single ear cup at Rushville in 1920. On November 23, 1904, Argus D. Wagoner was united in marriage to Ida Haehl, who was born over in Union township in Shelby county, and to this union one child has been born, a son, Ira, who is now (1921) attending school at Moscow. Mrs. Wagoner is a daughter of George and Katherine (Kuhn) Haehl, well-known residents of Shelby county, who had twelve children, ten of whom are living, those besides Mrs. Wagoner being Pauline, Henry, William, Flora, John R., Robert, Walter, Laura and Ella. Mr. and Mrs. Wagoner are members of the Blue Ridge Methodist Episcopal Church and take their part in the work of the same. They have a pleasant home on rural mail route No. 1 out of Manilla and have ever taken an interested part in the general social activities of their home community. Mr. Wagoner is a Republican. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Masonic lodge (No. 217) at Waldron.

JOHN H. HOWARD, a well known farmer of Richland township and a man who has contributed in a very definite way to the prosperity and well-being of the community in which he lives, was born in Leslie county, Kentucky, on August 22, 1862, and is the only child born to the union of Henry and Rosanna (Howard) Howard, both of whom also were natives of the old Blue Grass state. There Henry Howard was reared to manhood and there he followed the pursuits of agriculture during all of his active years. He was a veteran of the Civil war, having rendered valiant service in the Union army. He became the owner of 300 acres of land, which he devoted to general farming. He died in 1902, having long survived his wife, who passed away in 1871. John H. Howard attended the common schools of his native county and after completing his studies he came to Indiana and was employed as a hired man on farms in Rush county for about five years. He then rented from his father-in-law the place on which he now resides, comprising 100 acres, and here he is achieving success in his vocation. He is also giving some attention to the raising and feeding of live stock, is thoroughly practical and up-to-date in his ideas and methods of work and is held in high repute in his section of the county. Mr. Howard was married to Mary E. Marlow, the daughter of Alphonso B. and Anna E. (Halstead) Marlow, and they have one child, Alphonso. The latter married Mabel E. Wood and they have a child, Anavelle Helen. Mrs. Howard was born in Decatur county, Indiana, but was brought to Rush county by her parents when she was a child of but ten years, the family locating on the farm where she now lives and which she inherited at the time of her father's

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death. Alphonso B. Marlow, father of Mrs. Howard and one of the well known farmers of Richland township in his generation, was a native of Kentucky, born in Scott county, that state, in 1818, a member of one of the pioneer families of that section. When he was three years old his parents moved with their family to Indiana and settled in Decatur county, arriving there on February 28, 1821, the Marlows thus becoming one of the very first families of this section of the state. Alphonso B. Marlow grew to manhood in Decatur county and was there married, his wife, Anna E. Halstead, having been born in the neighboring county of Franklin, a member of one of the pioneer families in that county. In 1860 Mr. Marlow came with his family up into Rush county and settled in Richland township, where he spent the remainder of his life. He and his wife had two daughters, Mrs. Howard having had a sister, Sarah V., who died in 1883. Mr. and Mrs. Howard are active members of the Christian church, of which Mr. Howard formerly was a deacon. He is a member of Lodge No. 96, Free and Accepted Masons, at Andersonville, and is an ardent supporter of the Republican party.

CLARENCE SCULL, a well known and progressive young farmer of Orange township, was born in Rush county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in the township in which he still lives, May 18, 1897, son of James L. and Effie (Archey) Scull, both of whom also were born in Rush county, members of old families here, and the former of whom died on the farm in Orange township which had been his home for many years. His widow married Spencer Griffith, of Termopolis, Wyo., and is now living at Los Angeles, Cal. James L. Scull and wife had two children, Clarence Scull having a sister, Edna, wife of William H. Davies, superintendent of air brakes on the Wabash railroad. Reared on the home farm in Orange township, Clarence Scull received his schooling in the local schools, leaving school after four years of high school work, and from boyhood was carefully trained in the way of farming. He married at the age of twenty-one and then began farming on his own account, renting a part of the home place, and is still living there, farming 100 acres. In addition to his general farming Mr. Scull gives considerable attention to the raising of hogs, and has about 100 head of pure bred Duroc hogs, his operations along that line during the past few years having been quite successful. He maintains a well equipped farm plant and his operations are carried on in accordance with strictly up-to-date methods. On August 24, 1918, Clarence Scull was united in marriage to Faye Westerfield, who also was born in this county, and to this union one child has been born, a daughter, Dorothy L., born on June 17, 1919. Mrs. Scull was born on a farm in Walker township, daughter of Byron and Belle (Turner) Westerfield, the former of whom also was born in Rush county, a member of one of the pioneer families here, and the latter in Brown county, this state. Byron Westerfield and wife have five children, those besides Mrs.

Scull being Owen, Gale, Vivian and Inez. Mr. and Mrs. Scull have a very pleasant home and take an interested part in the community's general social activities. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Milroy. Mr. Scull is a Democrat.

JOSEPH W. TODD, who has long been one of the influential citizens of Rush county, has spent his life here. He was born in Center township, on May 21, 1854, and is the son of Andrew J. and Elizabeth (David) Todd, the former of whom was born in Pennsylvania and the latter born and reared in Bourbon county, Kentucky. When Andrew J. Todd left his native state for the West, he traveled down the Ohio river as far as Lawrenceburg, Ind., which was his stopping place for some time, but in 1839 he came to Rush county, where he spent the remainder of his life. During his first ten years here he was employed by the day as a farm hand, but he then engaged in farming on his own account, buying eighty acres of land in Center township, to which he later added thirty-seven acres, making his holdings here 117 acres, and on this farm he made his home up to the time of his death, which occurred on April 18, 1890. His wife had died on November 18, 1887. Of the seven children who blessed their union, three are now living, namely: Joseph W., Leah and Jacob D., who is represented elsewhere in this work. Joseph W. Todd secured a good practical education in the Ball school, in Center township, and after completing his studies he applied himself to the work of the home farm, assisting his father during the latter's active years and later assuming the operation of the farm up to the time of his father's death. The subject then bought part of the home place, his first purchase amounting to forty acres, to which he later added sixty-eight acres, thus making his holdings 108 acres, all of which is located in Center township. For many years Mr. Todd carried on general farming operations here, also raising considerable live stock, but he is now retired and is now enjoying the fruits of his former years of toil. He has always maintained his place in fine repair and has been numbered among the enterprising and progressive men of Center township. He is now renting his land. Politically, Mr. Todd is an ardent advocate of the Democratic party.

W. A. BILLINGS, farmer and stockraiser in Anderson township, is a member of one of the old pioneer families of Rush county. His grandfather, Andrew Billings, came to Indiana from Delaware, and entered eighty acres of Government land in Jackson township, this county, on which he lived for a number of years, then sold and moved into Howard county where he lived out his days. W. A. Billings was born in Posey township, this county, January 6, 1865. His parents were Joseph and Rachel (Leisure) Billings, both of whom were born in Rush county. Of their eight children there are five survivors, Edward, Frank, Orville, W. A. and Caroline. The father was a farmer and stock raiser all his active life, owning a farm of eighty acres in Union township. W. A. Billings attended school in Jackson township and afterward assisted his father on the home farm, not

moving to Anderson township until after his marriage, when he began farming for himself. Mr. Billings has a well improved farm with an attractive modern residence all the surroundings indicating thrift, intelligence and careful farm management. He raises grain and stock on the eighty acres, devoting twenty-five acres to wheat and the same to corn and feeds out about fifty head of hogs yearly. September 3, 1901, he married Minnie A. Parker, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Crane) Parker, and they have one daughter, Dorothy Elizabeth. Mr. and Mrs. Billings are members of the Christian church at Milroy, of which he has been a deacon for many years. Although not a politician, Mr. Billings takes a good citizen's interest in public affairs and local matters, and votes the Democratic ticket. He belongs to the order of Knights of Pythias at Milroy.

THOMAS J. MARTIN, a substantial land owner of Rush county, now living retired at his pleasant home at Lewisville, was born on a farm in Washington township, this county, July 17, 1852, a son of Simon and Mary (Waddle) Martin, natives of Union county, Indiana, where they were educated and married. Shortly after their marriage the parents came to Rush county, where the father secured a tract of eighty acres of wooded land, upon which the timber stood so thick that he was forced to clear a space before he could build his primitive log-cabin home. A man of the greatest industry and perseverance, and possessed of good business abilities and shrewd judgment, he won a notable success, and at the time of his death was the owner of approximately 1,000 acres of land. He and his wife became the parents of eight children, of whom five are living, Julia, Dorothy, Charles, Thomas J. and Nancy. Thomas J. Martin received his education in Washington township, where he attended the Martin school, so named because of its proximity to his father's property. On the completion of his schooling, he started assisting his father in the work of the home place, and continued thus engaged until his marriage, at which time his father gave him eighty acres, and since then he has added 320 acres to this original property, being now the possessor of 400 acres of some of the best land to be found in the county. Mr. Martin continued the personal operation of this handsome estate until 1919, when, feeling that he had done his share in the work of development, he turned over the labor and responsibility to younger shoulders and retired to his pleasant home at Lewisville. During his active years he was accounted one of the most progressive agriculturists of his locality, and as a live stock feeder shipped from 200 to 300 hogs to the markets annually. August 17, 1875, Mr. Martin was united in marriage with Eliza B. Watson, who was born in Henry county, Indiana, daughter of Lewis and Sarah (Morris) Watson. To this union there has been born one daughter, Bertha, who married Frank Houston, a music teacher of Indianapolis, and has seven children, Anna, Ruth, Rebecca, Nellie, Weldon, Frank and Bettie Jane. Of these children, Anna, the first born, married Dr. Harold Henderson,a physician, and has two children, Helen and Jean. Mr. Martin has

always been ready to discharge the duties of citizenship, and for about five years served as a member of the county council of Rush county. As a fraternalist he holds membership in Raleigh Lodge, No. 640, Free and Accepted Masons; and Lewisville Lodge, No. 191, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He and Mrs. Martin are faithful members of the Christian church of Raleigh, and in politics he is a stanch Democrat. He is a genial and sympathetic man, and the grind of labor has not hardened his nature or rendered him less the friend of youth and happiness.

JOSEPH H. PIKE, proprietor of an excellent farm in Richland township and one of the strong, sturdy characters who have contributed largely to the material welfare of that community, is a native son of Rush county. He was born on July 2, 1861, the son of Ephraim and Beulah (Yates) Pike, both of whom were born and reared in North Carolina. They were married there and the following year they came to Indiana, locating in Henry county, where for a time Mr. Pike was employed by the day. Later he came to Rush county and here spent the remainder of his life. He died in 1911 and was survived by his widow, who died on December 31, 1919. Of the ten children who blessed their union, four are living, namely: Nathan H., William L., Hannah E. and Joseph H. The subject of this sketch received his education in the schools of Rush county and then for five years he was employed by the month at general farm work. He then rented a farm in Anderson township, which he operated for over five years, at the end of which period he located in Noble township, where for six and a half years he operated a rented farm of 200 acres, followed by five and a half years on rented land in Anderson township. He then moved to Circleville and for a year operated 395 acres of rented land. He then moved to Richland township and bought 160 acres of land, but one year later he sold that and bought 160 acres where he now lives, which he has cultivated continuously since 1902. This farm is well improved in every respect and here Mr. Pike carries on general farming and stock raising, in which he has meet with a very gratifying measure of success. He generally feeds from 300 to 350 head of hogs a year. In addition to his regular vocation of farming, Mr. Pike has also done much successful work throughout this community as an auctioneer. Since taking possession of the farm he has greatly improved it by tiling and building new barns and now has one of the best farm plants in the township. Mr. Pike was married to Clara Hall, the daughter of Joseph and Martha (Innis) Hall, and they are the parents of five children, namely: Fred D., who married Luetta Gerhart and has five children, Cecil, Helen, Dorothy, Ruth and Thelma; Hal E., who married Lula Chestnut and has one child, Joseph; Frances C., who became the wife of Kenneth Helman; Grace M., who became the wife of Firman Tarplee, and J. Gayle, who is unmarried and remains at home. Mr. and Mrs.

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Pike are members of the United Presbyterian church at Milroy. Mr. Pike gives his support to the Democratic party. Genial in disposition and unassuming in manner, he has won and retains to a marked degree the good will and esteem of the entire community in which he lives. During the time of America's participation in the World war Mr. Pike was chairman of the township committee for war work.

JAMES W. MAUZY, a well known and substantial farmer and landowner of Union township now living practically retired from the active labors of the farm, was born in Rush county, member of one of the pioneer families here, and has lived here all his life, in the long period of nearly eighty years, which has since elapsed, having been a witness to many striking changes in the manners and customs of the people here and in the methods of doing things as compared with the pioneer days of his first remembrance. Mr. Mauzy was born on a farm in Union township on December 23, 1843, son of William and Caroline (Griffin) Mauzy, the latter of whom was born in Pennsylvania and had come here with her parents from the old Keystone state in the days of her girlhood. William Mauzy was a Kentuckian by birth and was but a child when he came up into Indiana with his parents, Silas Mauzy and wife, the family locating in Rush county and settling for a time in Noble township. They later moved to Union township where Silas Mauzy bought a tract of land and established his home, becoming a substantial farmer, the owner of 240 acres, and there spent the remainder of his life, one of the influential pioneers of that section. On that pioneer farm in Union township William Mauzy grew to manhood, well trained in the ways of the farm, to which vocation he devoted his life, and for a time after his marriage made his home there but later moved to a farm in Noble township and there established his home, remaining there until his retirement from the farm and removal to Rushville, where his last days were spent. William Mauzy was a good farmer and owned an excellent place of 203 acres. He was for many years influential in local affairs, was a deacon in the Little Flat Rock Christian church, and helped erect the old church edifice which has since been torn down. He and his wife had two children, sons both, the subject of this sketch and William H. Mauzy. James W. Mauzy was but a small child when his parents moved from Union township, where he was born, to Noble township and on the home farm in this latter township he grew to manhood. He received his schooling in the schools of that neighborhood and until he was twenty-five years of age continued farming with his father. His father then gave him a "forty" adjoining a similar tract of land he had bought in Union township and on this "eighty" he started farming on his own account, and after his marriage in 1875 established his home there. On that place Mr. Mauzy carried on his operations with such success that

he gradually was able to enlarge his land holdings until he became the owner of a fine farm of about 500 acres, a portion of which he has deeded to his children, eighty acres to each child in 1913. There he has continued to make his home, although in 1916 he retired from the active management of the farm. Mr. Mauzy is a Republican and has for many years taken an interested part in local political affairs, though not an office seeker. He and his wife are members of the Little Flat Rock Christian Church and he has served on the diaconate of the church. In 1875 James W. Mauzy was united in marriage to Alice J. Heizer, who had come up here from Kentucky with her parents in the days of her girlhood, and to this union four children have been born, namely: John W., who married Josephine Arnold and has one child, a son, Clifford William; Luella, who married Charles Arnold and has three children, Richard, Edmund and Alice; Charles G., who married Iona Gilson and has two children, Dorothy May and Glenn, and Chester C. Mauzy, who is unmarried and who is still at the old home. Mrs. Mauzy was born in Mason county, Kentucky, daughter of John and Mary (Crawford) Heizer, both of whom were born in Ohio, where they were married, later moving to Kentucky, where they remained until they came with their family up into Indiana and settled in Fayette county. In 1865 John Heizer moved to Illinois, where he died. He and his wife were the parents of five children, three of whom are still living, Mrs. Mauzy having a sister, Susan, and a brother, John Heizer.

ALVAH T. JUNKEN, who now lives retired at Rushville, has large property interests in Rush county, one of these being the well known "Pine Highland" stock farm situated in Jackson township. He was born in Posey township, this county, September 22, 1866, a son of Edward and Sarah (Beal) Junken. His father was born in Kentucky and accompanied his parents to Rush county in boyhood, and his mother was born in New York and was also young when she was brought here. They had four children and three are living, Maggie, Jerusha and Alvah T. All the children attended the Offutt district school. Alvah T. Junken began to assist his father in the days of his youth, and continued to help at home until his marriage. He then worked one year as a farm hand and after that rented and operated land for ten years. About that time his wife inherited 300 acres of land in Jackson township. To this he subsequently added 420 acres, the 720 acres comprising "Pine Highland" farm. For a number of years afterward Mr. Junken devoted himself to the improvement and operation of this large estate, paying particular attention to stockraising, his output aggregating from eighty to 100 head of cattle and 400 head of hogs a year. Since retiring to Rushville, Mr. and Mrs. Junken reside at No. 223 East Sixth street, which is one of several valuable holdings he has in this city. On October 25, 1893, Mr. Junken married Dollie Morris,

who was born in Jackson township, this county, daughter of Theodore and Sarah (Beamon) Morris, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of Rush county. They had seven children, three of whom survive, Frank, Edward and Dollie. The father of Mrs. Junken was a widely known farmer and stockman, in early days traveling all through Rush county buying stock, which he drove to Cincinnati to market. At the time of his death he owned 1,000 acres of land in Rush county. Mr. and Mrs. Junken have four children, Virgil, Esther, Mary and Josephine. Virgil Junken, who carries on farming in Jackson township, married Lillian Lee. Esther Junken married Russell Carfield, a farmer in Rush county. Mr. Junken is a member of the Presbyterian church at Rushville and his family are members of the Christian church. He belongs to the Odd Fellows, a member of the lodge at Arlington, and in his political views is a stalwart Republican.

HUGH C. ARCHEY, a veteran of the Spanish-American war, former editor of the Milroy Press and a well known and progressive young farmer of Orange township, this county, was born in Rush county, and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in Richland township on October 2, 1880, son of James P. and Elizabeth (Hill) Archey, the latter of whom also was born in Indiana, a member of one of the old families of the neighboring county of Franklin. James P. Archey was born in Rockbridge county, Virginia, but came to Indiana with his parents when but a lad, the family locating in Franklin county, where he married Elizabeth Hill. Shortly after his marriage he came over into Rush county and located in Richland township, later moving to Orange township and still later to the village of Milroy. He became a substantial farmer, the owner of a good farm of 240 acres, and was also for years engaged in the shipping of live stock. James P. Archey and wife were the parents of seven children, of whom six are still living, those besides the subject of this sketch being Effie, Edgar, Zelma, Clyde and Cleveland J. Reared on the home farm in Orange township, Hugh C. Archey completed his schooling in the schools of Milroy and was but eighteen years of age when the Spanish-American war broke out in 1898. He enlisted his services as a member of A Company, One Hundred and Fifty-eighth regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and served with that command until it was mustered out at the termination of the brief war. About a year later he married and then began farming on his own account, renting a part of his father's farm, and was thus engaged for about fifteen years, at the end of which time he took over the Milroy *Press* and was for two years engaged in conducting the destinies of that sprightly newspaper, but finding newspaper work not so much to his liking as was the old line he returned to farming, locating on the farm he now occupies in Orange township, and after about five years of tenancy there bought the farm, a well kept place of 120

acres, and is very comfortably established. In addition to his general farming Mr. Archey feeds out from two to three car loads of hogs a year and is doing well. It was on February 1, 1900, that Hugh C. Archey was united in marriage to Eva E. McCracken, who was born on a farm in the neighboring county of Decatur, daughter and only child of Benjamin P. and Margaret (Robins) McCracken, both of whom also were born in Decatur county, members of pioneer families there, and to this union one child has been born, a son, Lawrence C. Archey, born on May 13, 1901. Mr. and Mrs. Archey are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Milroy, and have ever taken an interested part in church work, as well as in the general social activities of their home neighborhood. In his political views Mr. Archey is "independent." Fraternally, he is affiliated with Milroy lodge, No. 139, Free and Accepted Masons, and with the local lodge, No. 5851, Modern Woodmen, and in the affairs of both of these fraternal organizations takes a warm interest.

WILLIAM FISHER, the subject of this sketch, has spent practically his entire life in Rush county and is a worthy representative of one of its pioneer families, the Fishers having been identified with Rush county since 1821, which year marked the arrival here of Jacob Fisher and wife, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania, where they were reared and married. Later they migrated to Clermont county, Ohio, where they lived until their removal to Indiana, where Jacob Fisher entered 160 acres of Rush county land. This land, which was still in its primeval wildness when he obtained it, was splendidly located and he at once applied himself to the task of clearing it and putting it in cultivation. He created a fine farm and there spent the remainder of his life. To him and his wife were born nine children, of which number the youngest was Jacob, father of the subject of this review. Jacob Fisher, junior, was born, reared and educated in Richland township, and here spent his entire life engaged in agricultural pursuits. He eventually became the owner of 320 acres of land and occupied a leading place in the community, having served for eighteen years as trustee of Richland township. He married Elizabeth Jane Buck, of Preble county, Ohio, and their union was blessed in the birth of nine children, of which number six are now living, namely: Marcus, William, Mary, Martha, Lula and Ira. William Fisher, who was born in Richland township on January 18, 1856, was reared under the paternal roof and secured his elemental education in the public schools of Richland township, completing his studies in Richland Academy. He remained on the home farm, assisting his father until his marriage, when he rented the old Fisher homestead, which he operated for two years. He then moved to Richland and since 1884 he has been renting and operating the farm on which he now lives, comprising 298 acres. He also gives some at-

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tention to the raising of live stock, feeding about 125 hogs a year. He keeps the farm well improved and is numbered among the intelligent and practical farmers of Richland township. Mr. Fisher was married to Mary Ray, the daughter of David and Mary Ann (Loper) Ray, and they have one child, a son, Charles J. Fisher, who married Pearl Brown. To the latter union has been born a daughter, Margaret S. Mr. Fisher has been a life-long supporter of the Democratic party and served for seven years as assessor of Richland township. He and his family are active members of the Christian church at Clarksburg. His life has been a record of unceasing industry and honorable effort and he has richly earned the highest esteem of all with whom he has been associated.

OSRO M. DRAPER, a progressive farmer of Ripley township and a fit representative of the young and enthusiastic agricultural element recruited from the farming class of Rush county, has passed his entire life in Rush county. He was born in Posey township, on July 22, 1894, his parents being James O. and Viola (Nelson) Draper. Mr. Draper belongs to a farming family which has long resided in Rush county, and which has contributed in no small way to its development. His education was acquired in Posey township, where he had the advantages of attendance at the Beaver Meadow schoolhouse, after leaving which he became associated with his father in the cultivation of the home acres. The partnership existing between father and son continued until the latter's marriage, when he started out upon an independent career, and moved to the property which he now occupies, a tract of 120 acres which he rents from Ezra Hill. Mr. Draper is a young man of progressive ideas and naturally his work is carried on according to the modern methods of his vocation. His general farming operations have been successful, and as a grower of live stock he has likewise met with prosperity, he now shipping approximately 100 hogs annually. On February 18, 1917, in Posey township, Mr. Draper was united in marriage to May Plummer, who was born in Hancock county, this state, a daughter of William and Hattie (White) Plummer, natives of Rush county, who were the parents of four children, Vernie, Orville, May and Margaret. Mrs. Draper was educated in Center township and at the schools of Carthage, and is a faithful member of the Christian church at Carthage. Mr. and Mrs. Draper have one child, Anna Louise, born on December 1, 1917. Mr. Draper maintains an independent position politically, preferring to depend upon his own judgment rather than to follow blindly the call of party. He is a lover of good horses, and has in his stable a Belgian horse, which at the age of two years and eight months weighed 1,800 pounds.

GEORGE WEINGARTH, a well known general farmer, operating 230 acres of land lying in Rush and Shelby counties, is a resident of Walker township, Rush county. He was born in Union

township, Shelby county, September 6, 1871, a son of Henry and Julia (Theobold) Weingarth, the former born in Germany and the latter in the state of Ohio. Henry Weingarth served three years in the Civil war, as a member of Company K, Eighteenth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, after which he engaged during the rest of his life, in general farming in Shelby county, this state. Of his eight children the following are living: George, Albert, Nora, William, Catherine, and Emma Louise. Charles died on January 10, 1900, at the age of thirty years. George Weingarth obtained his schooling in Shelby county and assisted his father on the home farm until his marriage, when he moved into Morristown, in Shelby county. During the eleven years he lived there, he was an active business man and was superintendent of the line of the Morristown Gas Company, of which company he was a director. In 1911 he returned to the homestead and since then has been operating the farms in Rush and Shelby counties on shares with his mother. He carries on a general farm business, growing grain, produce and stock. On March 5, 1902, Mr. Weingarth married Etta Nelson, who also was born in Shelby county, daughter of Francis M. and Mary J. (Smith) Nelson. The father of Mrs. Weingarth served three years in the Civil war, a member of Company E, Fifty-second Indiana Volunteer Infantry, surviving the dangers and hardships of army life as did Henry Weingarth. Of his family of eight children, six are living, Etta, Elva, Minnie, James, Luther and John. Mollie and Rose are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Weingarth have three children, Marie, Julia and Paul, all of whom are in school, the two elder being students in the high school at Manilla, Marie graduating with the class of 1921. Mr. Weingarth and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Manilla. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias lodge at Morristown, in which he has passed the chairs. In politics he is a Republican.

WILBUR C. BROWN, farmer and stockraiser in Orange township, this county, and trustee of that township, was born in Shelby county, Indiana, January 8, 1872. His parents are William J. and Missouri (Hume) Brown, the former a native of Shelby county and the latter of Illinois. They have four children, Harvey F., Stella, Clarence and Wilbur C. William J. Brown has been a farmer during the greater part of his life and owns 110 acres in Orange township. Wilbur C. Brown attended the Selby district school in Orange township and afterward assisted his father on the home farm until his own marriage, following which he operated rented land for about twenty years. His wife then inherited 180 acres of land in Orange township, to which he added by purchase a tract of forty acres, and now has 220 acres all in one body. He carries on a general line of farming and raises about two car loads of hogs together with some cattle and sheep annually. Mr. Brown is not only a successful farmer, but he is a useful citizen in a public way.

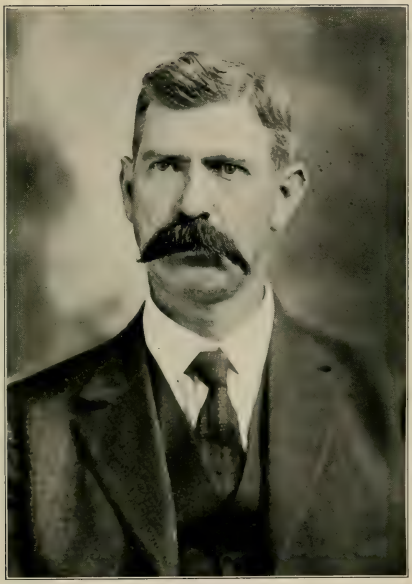
He is now serving as township trustee, and for years was township assessor, elected to both offices on the Democratic ticket. On September 5, 1894, Wilbur C. Brown married Myrtle M. Paulus, who was born in Orange township, this county, daughter of Daniel and Hulda (Hungerford) Paulus. The father of Mrs. Brown was a farmer and stockman in Rush county and owned 331 acres of land in Orange township. He had but two children, Rena and Myrtle. Mr. and Mrs. Brown have two children: Mary, who married Earl Harcourt, a farmer in Orange township, and has one son, Robert Lincoln, and Carrie, who is the wife of Clifford Harcourt, a farmer in Orange township. Mr. Brown and his family are members of the Christian church at Moscow. He belongs to Milroy Lodge, No. 139, Free and Accepted Masons, and to Milroy Lodge, No. 204, Knights of Pythias, at Milroy.

JAMES D. CLIFTON, a well known citizen and experienced farmer of Washington township, this county, was born in that township, March 14, 1873, a son of William A. and Martha E. (Kerr) Clifton. Both parents were born in Fayette county, Indiana, were reared and married there and then came to Rush county. William A. Clifton was an extensive farmer and stockraiser, at first operating 220 acres of land in Washington township and later operated 400 acres. He continued active until his death in 1912. The children of William A. and Martha E. Clifton were Maude, Nellie, Ethel, Thadeus, James D., Louella and Fannie, all surviving except Louella and Fannie. James D. Clifton had school advantages in Washington township, then assisted his father until his twenty-first birthday. He then purchased eighty acres of land in Washington township, to the cultivation and improvement of which he has since closely devoted himself. He married Edith A. Cummins, of Fayette county, Indiana, and they have three sons, Harold, Ray and Paul. Harold Clifton married Addie Dunavent, who was born in Kentucky, and they have three children, Wilma, Dorothy, and Harold, Jr. Ray Clifton married Ollie Dunavent, a native of Kentucky, and they have one son, Russell. Mr. Clifton and his sons vote the Democratic ticket. Mr. Clifton is held in high regard in fraternal circles at Falmouth, where he belongs to the Masonic, Odd Fellows and Red Men's lodges. Mrs. Clifton is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Falmouth.

HARLEY WIKOFF, a well known citizen and successful farmer and stockman of Washington township, this county, was born in that township, October 24, 1862, and was early adopted by J. M. and Jane (McCrory) Wikoff, both of whom were born in Rush county and died here, the former on January 18, 1913, and the latter, May 29, 1912. J. M. Wikoff was a prosperous farmer and stock buyer in Washington township, and was quite prominent in county politics, at one time serving on the board of county commissioners. He was a son of Garrett Wikoff, who was born on Feb-

ruary 3, 1799, and died on February 24, 1886. He founded the family in Rush county, coming here among the pioneers from Ohio, and entered land in Union township, which is now occupied by Edward Dolan. Harley Wikoff attended Fairview Academy and for about three years afterward was his father's main helper on the home farm, when he married, moving to another farm belonging to his father. His present well improved farm of 100 acres originally belonged to his father. It is a fine, well kept property and Mr. Wikoff turns off about 150 hogs a year. He gives his entire time to the management of his farm and all his industries are in a prosperous condition. On March 12, 1884, he married Alfa Clifford, daughter of the Rev. Edward H. and Elizabeth (Franklin) Clifford, both of Rush county, and the former of whom aside from preaching devoted much time to farming and had also been engaged in merchandising in Indianapolis and Anderson. Mr. and Mrs. Wikoff have one daughter, Lena, who is the wife of Richard Gray, of Fayette county, and an adopted son, Franklin Wikoff Clifford. Mr. Wikoff and his family are members of the Christian church at Fairview. In politics he is a Democrat.

E. O. GEORGE, for many years a substantial agriculturist of Rush county and a factor in its material growth and civic and moral upbuilding, was born in Franklin county, Indiana, on December 15, 1871, and is the son of William H. and Lavina R. (George) George, who were born, reared, educated and married in Franklin county. While still a lad William H. George turned his attention to farming, remaining with his parents, Henry and Anna George, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Ohio. William H. George came to Richland township, this county, where he engaged in farming for a few years, and then moved to Noble township, where he was engaged in farming up to the time of his death, at which time he was the owner of 320 acres of land. To him and his wife were born eight children, of which number seven are living, namely: E. O., Chester, Arthur, Anna, Frank, Riley and Earl. E. O. George received a good practical education in the public schools of his native county, and thereafter he was engaged in farming on the home place until 1892, when he came to Richland township and bought a small tract of land and at the same time rented other land, to the operation of which he devoted his energies with such success that in 1916 he was enabled to purchase 103 acres, comprising the nucleus of his present farm, and he also inherited forty acres from his father's estate. Here he carries on general farming operations, including the handling of some live stock, feeding about one hundred head of hogs and a carload of cattle annually. For about twenty years Mr. George has also operated a threshing outfit, with which he has covered a large part of the surrounding country. He maintains his place at a high state of improvement and is thoroughly up-to-date in his



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methods of work. Mr. George was married to Nelle Sparks, the daughter of Mrs. Edna (Sparks) Carr, and they have one child, Charles, who is now attending school. Mrs. George is an earnest member of the Christian church at Andersonville. Mr. George gives his support to the Republican party and is a member of the Masonic lodge at Andersonville. He is genial and unassuming in manner and is held in high esteem throughout his community.

CHASE P. MAUZY, one of the leading farmers and stock raisers of Jackson township, and a member of the city council of Rushville, is a prominent factor in the agricultural and civic life of his community. He was born in Jackson township, December 1, 1882, a son of Greeley P. and Alice (Newhouse) Mauzy, a review of whose lives will be found elsewhere in this work. Chase P. Mauzy secured his schooling in the country schools of Jackson township and the graded and high school at Rushville, and after leaving the latter engaged in farming in association with his father. Subsequently he embarked upon a career of his own, and at the present time is the owner of eighty acres of land in Jackson and Union townships, in addition to which he rents 210 acres from his father. He operates all of this land as a general farmer and live stock raiser, and each year feeds about 300 head of hogs and from fifteen to twenty head of Shorthorn cattle. He is energetic in spirit and progressive in his views, and his industry and good management are combining to win him deserved success. In politics a Republican, Mr. Mauzy has entered actively into civic affairs, and during his two terms as a member of the Rushville city council has shown himself a constructive and valuable worker in that body. He is well known in fraternal circles, being a member of the Elks, and of the blue lodge, the chapter, the council and the commandery of the Masonic order, and holds membership likewise in the Rushville Social Club. With his family he belongs to the Christian church. On November 29, 1905, Mr. Mauzy married Florence Davis, who was born in Wayne county, Indiana, daughter of Oliver G. and Alice (Smith) Davis. Mr. Davis, who conducted an undertaking establishment at Williamsburg, Ind., was the owner of about 600 acres of land in Wayne county, but always rented his farm. Mrs. Mauzy owns 200 acres of the tract, which is operated by her husband. Oliver G. Davis died on February 22, 1914. Mrs. Davis passed away September 3, 1907. They were the parents of two children, Howard and Florence. To Mr. and Mrs. Mauzy there have been born two children, Emily, born on July 13, 1907, and Ruth, December 21, 1912, both now attending school at Rushville.

JOHN H. BROWN, a well known general farmer in Walker township, this county, was born in Union township, Shelby county, Indiana, July 18, 1865, one of a family of eight children born to Robert C. and Mary (Bright) Brown. His parents were born, reared and married in Shelby county, where his father was a farmer

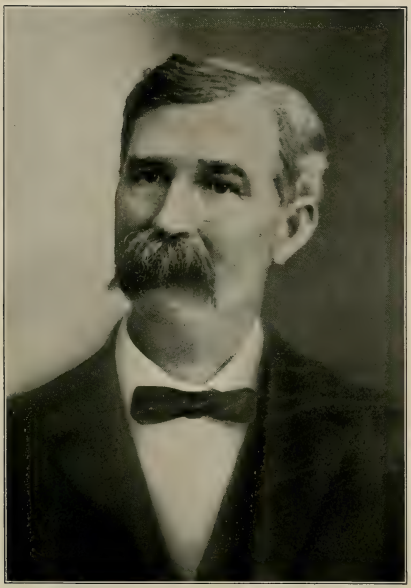
all his active life. Mr. Brown has two brothers: Scott Brown, who lives at Manilla, this county, and Samuel C. Brown, who is a resident of Waldron, in Shelby county. John H. Brown obtained a public school education in Union township, Shelby county, and remained at home helping his father until he was twenty-one years old. Then he worked as a farm hand for several years before renting land and starting out on his own responsibility. After about fourteen years as a renter, he bought forty acres in Walker township, this county, which he still owns and operates as a general farmer. On August 17, 1889, he married Mima Hewitt, who was born in Shelby county and who died on April 3, 1891, her burial being in the Vienna cemetery. Her parents were Martin and Nancy (Ray) Hewitt. On December 14, 1893, Mr. Brown married Sylvia Lee, who was born in Decatur county, Indiana. She died on March 27, 1895, her burial being in the Vienna cemetery, where also rests their one child, Earl, who lived but five months. On September 5, 1897, Mr. Brown married Katherine Weingarth, who was born in Union township, Shelby county, Indiana, October 5, 1872. Her parents were Henry and Julia (Theobald) Weingarth, well known and substantial people of Shelby and Rush counties. Her father was a veteran of the Civil war. Mr. and Mrs. Brown have had five children: Julia I., Alma M., Emma E., Claudius and Robert. Julia I., widow of the late Forest Webb, a farmer in Rush county, has a son, Hugh V. Alma M., who was the wife of William Ormes, a mechanic living at Connersville, Ind., died on October 24, 1918, and her burial was in East Hill cemetery. Emma E. was graduated from the Manilla high school with the class of 1921. The other children are still in school. Mr. Brown and his family belong to the Christian Union church at Homer. In politics he has always been a Democrat, but not a seeker for public office. He belongs to the Masonic lodge at Manilla and also to the Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias at Blue Ridge in Shelby county.

JAMES GRAY, one of the oldest and best known farmers and landowners of Rush county, proprietor of an excellent farm in Union township, now living retired at Mauzy, is a native son of Rush county and has lived here all his life, a witness to and participant in the amazing development that has taken place hereabout since the days of his boyhood. He was born on a pioneer farm in Union township on February 8, 1834, son of James and Mary (Nichols) Gray, who were among the early settlers of that township. James Gray and his wife were Virginians. They decided to make their home in the promising lands then being opened up in the comparatively new Hoosier state and having disposed of their interests in Virginia drove through with their belongings and located in Union county, this state, where for a year James Gray operated a grist mill. In March of the next year he came on over into Rush county and bought an "eighty" in Union township where he established his home and spent

the remainder of his life, his death occurring there in 1872. His widow survived him for eight years, her death occurring in 1880. James Gray was a good farmer and as his affairs prospered he added to his original "eighty" until he was the owner of a fine farm of 300 acres in Union township and was long accounted one of the substantial and influential men of that community. He and his wife were the parents of six children, all of whom grew to maturity but of whom the venerable subject of this sketch now is the only survivor, the others having been Margaret, Mary, Nancy A., John and George. The descendants in the present generation of the pioneer James Gray and his wife form a quite numerous connection, many families of which continue to make their home in Rush county, and of all these James Gray, the only surviving son of these pioneers and the subject of this biographical narrative, is the acknowledged dean. In his own family his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, the latter comprising the fifth generation of Grays in this county, are in themselves a considerable assemblage when all together and the venerable head of the family is justly proud of the manner in which the name is being perpetuated. James Gray grew up on the pioneer farm in Union township above referred to and in the then somewhat primitive schools of that neighborhood received his schooling. As a young man he continued working on the home farm helping his father develop the same and when he married at the age of twenty-three, established his home on the place and continued operations in association with his father until the latter's death in 1872, when he took over the old home place and there continued to make his home until his retirement from the farm in 1919 and removal to Mauzy, where he and his wife are now living and where they are very comfortably situated. Mr. Gray has an excellent farm and always insisted on having things kept up in "ship-shape" fashion. He had increased his original interest in the home acres to 202 acres, but not long ago disposed of forty-nine acres of this tract and now is the owner of but 153 acres, all of which is well improved and profitably cultivated. In his political affiliation Mr. Gray is a Republican and has given his ardent support to the principles of that party ever since the time of its organization in 1856, in which year he had his first presidential vote. He and his wife are members of the Ben Davis Christian church and have ever given their interested attention to church work and to the general good works of the community of which they so long have been an influential part, and in which during their long residence there they have done much to promote movements having to do with the advancement of the common cause; during this time having witnessed wonderful changes in the manners and customs and in comparison with other days have many interesting stories to tell concerning the manner of doing things in "the good old days." On December 20, 1857, more than sixty-three years ago, James Gray was united in marriage to Martha Jane Nichols, who was born in Illinois,

daughter of James and Sina Ellen (Gerard) Nichols, and to this union twelve children have been born, of whom eight are living, William, Rebecca, Andrew, Vincent, Adaline, Cary, Minnie and Nancy Agnes. William Gray married Carrie Hinchman and has two children, Walter, who married Ethel Eakins, and Clara, wife of Leslie Hinchman. Rebecca Gray married Gilbert Hanna and has two children, Wilbur and Stella, the latter of whom married Samuel Laurence and has one child, a son, John Thompson. Andrew Gray married Claudia Jackson. Vincent Gray married Matilda Kirchbaum. Adaline Gray married Hugh Beaver. Cary Gray married Bessie Patton and has four children, James, Virginia, Cary Patton and Ethel Ada. Minnie Gray married Oriel Stephens and Nancy A. Gray married Jesse R. Norris and has one child, a son, Dr. Jesse L. Norris, a graduate of Chicago University, who had the distinction of having been the first man in the state of Montana to enlist his services in behalf of the army upon the entrance of the United States into the World war in the spring of 1917, and who served overseas in that war for two years. Another of Mr. Gray's grandsons, Wilbur Beaver, also served overseas in the great war, serving with the Three Hundred and Thirty-second Infantry in Italy and thus participated in the campaign against the Austrians.

DAVID FISHER HITE, one of the old and honored agriculturists of Rush county, was born in Richland township, this county, August 5, 1847, a son of William N. and Sarah (Fisher) Hite. William N. Hite was born in Virginia, where in his youth he learned the trade of blacksmith, and as a young man came to Rush county and entered eighty acres of land from the Government in Richland township. Here he erected a small blacksmith shop and followed his trade in connection with his work in clearing his property and making it ready for the planting of crops, but in later years abandoned this vocation and gave himself unreservedly to the occupations of farming and stock raising, in which he became greatly successful. At one time he was the owner of 460 acres of land, all located in Richland township, and his death occurred on his farm, September 27, 1896, when he was eighty-five years of age. Mrs. Hite, who was born in Ohio, survived her husband until October 2, 1913, and was in advanced years at the time of her passing away. They were the parents of ten children, of whom six are now living: David Fisher, Lewis E., Winfield, Eliza Jane, Irene and Lola. David F. Hite attended the district schools of Richland township, following which he pursued a course at Richland Academy, and then began teaching school during the winter terms, a procedure which he followed for ten years, during which he farmed during the summer months. He then turned his attention to mercantile pursuits and for about ten years conducted a store at Clarksburg, Ind., but eventually turned his attention to farming and stock raising, which he has followed to the present. He is now farming sev-



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enty acres of good land, located near the Decatur-Rush county line, and has attained marked success in his work. In connection with his farming operations, Mr. Hite handles fire insurance and has made this a very profitable side line. He is one of the best informed and most progressive residents of his locality, a man of genial and approachable manner and a citizen who takes a keen interest in the affairs which engage the attention and affect the welfare of the community. He is a Democrat and his fraternal connection is with the Masonic lodge at Clarksburg, of which he has been the secretary for thirty-two years. For the past thirty-five years he has served as a deacon in the Christian church and is now an elder. Mr. Hite married Florence A. Ray, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Loper) Ray, and to this union one child has been born, a daughter, Tinnie Myrtle, who has been twice married, her first husband, the Rev. W. F. Folks, having died leaving her with one child, a daughter, Lavon, who married Capt. Thad Talmage Taylor, of the United States Marine Corps. Mrs. Folks married, secondly, the Rev. David J. Thornton.

DAVID H. WEBSTER, one of the best known citizens of Posey township, was born in Shelby county, Indiana, on January 30, 1873. He was educated in the public schools of Rush county and after leaving school he engaged in the laundry business in Rushville. After conducting that business for about ten years he located on the farm where he now lives. Mr. Webster carries on a general line of farming and also raises about eighty head of hogs each year for market. He keeps his farm well improved and is numbered among the progressive and enterprising farmers of Posey township. On September 6, 1899, David H. Webster was married to Jerusha B. Junken, a native of Posey township and the daughter of Edward A. and Sarah (Beale) Junken. To Mr. and Mrs. Webster have been born two children, Samuel E., who is a pupil in the Arlington school, and Thomas A. Mr. and Mrs. Webster are earnest members of the Christian and Presbyterian churches respectively, at Rushville. Mr. Webster's fraternal relations are with the Improved Order of Red Men at Rushville. He is a man of good judgment and pronounced views, keeping himself well informed on current events and taking a lively interest in all public affairs of his township and county.

JAMES E. CALDWELL, who is accounted among the men of influence in Jackson township, and who has a fine farm in that township, was born in Jackson township on January 4, 1861, and is a son of James M. and Alcy (Ploughe) Caldwell, the former a native of Bedford county, Pennsylvania, and the latter of Decatur county, Indiana. The father was reared to the life of a farmer, which vocation he followed during all his active years, owning 160 acres of land in Jackson township, a part of which estate is now occupied by the subject of this review. To James and Alcy Caldwell were born eight children, six of whom are living, namely: William A., Mary R., Sarah,

Lydia, James E., and Oliver. James E. Caldwell received his educational training in the Downey school in Jackson township and after completing his studies he remained at home, assisting his father in the farm work, until his marriage. He then bought the interest of some of the other heirs in the homestead, which he continued to cultivate, but he now only owns eighty acres of the home farm. Here he carries on general farming operations and his indefatigable industry, persistence and good management have been rewarded with a gratifying measure of success. He also gives some attention to the raising of live stock, feeding and marketing about sixty hogs a year. On April 25, 1900, Mr. Caldwell was married to Elizabeth Casady, a native of Rush county and the daughter of John W. and Tabitha (Plumner) Casady, the former of whom was a lifelong farmer in Rush county and a highly respected citizen of his community. Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell are earnest members of the Christian church at Rushville. Politically, he gives his support to the Republican party and has served one term as trustee of Jackson township. Fraternally, he is a member of Ivy Lodge, No. 27, Knights of Pythias, at Rushville. He takes a keen interest in the affairs of his community and gives his unreserved support to every movement for the advancement of the general welfare.

GEORGE W. HARDESTY, a well known and substantial farmer of Orange township and formerly and for many years a teacher in the schools of that township, is a native son of Rush county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in Anderson township on December 17, 1871, son of Thomas and Lucy E. (Wall) Hardesty, the latter of whom also was born in Indiana, a native of Dearborn county. Thomas Hardesty was a Kentuckian, born in Henry county in the old Blue Grass state, who came into Indiana in the days of his young manhood and located in Rush county, where he married Lucy E. Wall, who had come here with her parents from Dearborn county not long before. After his marriage Thomas Hardesty began farming on his own account and in time became the owner of an excellent farm of something more than 102 acres in Orange township. There he spent his last days. He and his wife were the parents of two children, the subject of this sketch having a sister, Alice, wife of Frank Humes, now living at Manato, Col. Reared on the farm, George W. Hardesty received his schooling in the old Selby school house in Orange township and from the days of his boyhood devoted himself to farming. He also gave close attention to his studies and early became qualified as a teacher in the schools of Rush county and for fifteen years taught during the winters in the schools of his home township, farming during the summers. He remained at home until his marriage when twenty-four years of age and then began farming "on his own," living on a rented farm for about six years, at the end of which time he bought the place on which he is now living and has since resided there. Mr. Hardesty has a well kept place of eighty acres and since coming into possession of

the same has made numerous substantial improvements on the place, these including the erection of a new house, the building of a new barn and the erection of new fences throughout. In addition to his general farming he gives considerable attention to the raising of hogs and is doing well in his operations. Mr. Hardesty is a Democrat and gives a good citizen's attention to local civic affairs, but has never been what may be called particularly "active" in politics. It was on August 9, 1896, that George W. Hardesty was united in marriage to Biddie S. Mahin, who also was born in Orange township, a daughter of Delancy and Casander (Owen) Mahin, both of whom were born in Rush county, members of old families here. Delancy Mahin was a well known farmer of Orange township and remained there until his retirement from the farm and removal to Shelbyville, Ind. He and his wife were the parents of nine children, of whom seven are still living, those besides Mrs. Hardesty being Mollie, Nettie, William, Altha, Benjamin and Gertrude. Mr. and Mrs. Hardesty have a pleasant home on rural mail route No. 2 out of Milroy and have ever taken an interested part in the general social activities of the community in which all their lives have been spent and where they are known by all.

JOSEPH E. SCOTT, a well known citizen and successful farmer and stockraiser in Washington township, this county, was born in that township, on June 8, 1876, a son of James R. and Mary J. (Finney) Scott, and a grandson of Jesse and Margaret (McCannon) Scott. Jesse Scott was a pioneer in this part of Rush county, coming at an early date from Washington county, Pennsylvania, and he entered eighty acres of Government land in Washington township, on which he passed the rest of his life. He had four children: Mrs. Ellen Prine, Mrs. Catherine Fry, Mrs. Jeanette O'Banion and James R. James R. Scott was born in 1838 and grew to manhood in Washington township, attending the neighborhood schools in boyhood and afterward until twenty-five years old, giving his father assistance on the homestead. At that time he married Mary Jane Finney, of Washington township, and shortly afterward bought eighty acres, which by thrift and good management he later increased to 320 acres. He carried on a general line of farming and raised 150 head of hogs a year. He always stood well in the community, was a good neighbor and reliable citizen. His children were: John P., Mrs. Sarah C. Rider, Joseph E., James R., Albert S., Jesse E., Amos E. and an infant that died soon after birth. Joseph E. Scott was born in Washington township, attended school here and had practical farm training on the homestead. After his father's death the estate was divided and he received fifty-three acres as his portion, subsequently adding sixty acres which he purchased from his sister. He devotes his land to general farming and stockraising, industries in which the Scotts have been unusually successful as a family. Mr. Scott is not married, making his home with his brother, John P. Scott, and family. John P. Scott, the eldest son of the late James and Mary J. Scott, was

born in Washington township on March 16, 1864. He attended school there through boyhood and when twenty-three years old took over his portion of his father's estate. He is now operating 145 acres, having increased his original farm to this acreage, and like his brother Joseph E. carries on farming and stockraising. At New Castle, Ind., Mr. Scott married Winona Nipp, on September 8, 1887, and they have had two children, Elsie, and one who died in infancy. The brothers vote with the Democratic party but neither has aspired to political office.

ORA T. LOWER, an industrious, capable and highly successful farmer of Rush county, who is carrying on operations as a farmer and stock raiser, making his home at Homer, was born in Walker township, this county, January 21, 1881, a son of James M. and Marinda M. (Heaton) Lower, natives respectively of Rushville and Walker townships who were educated in their home communities. During the greater part of his life James M. Lower, who died on September 10, 1903, followed farming in Walker township, and he and his wife were the owners of 200 acres of valuable land. They were the parents of six children: Daisy M., Ora T., Bertha A., Cecil E., Laverne H., and Elbert M., the last-named being deceased. Ora T. Lower attended district school No. 7, known as the Alexander school, after leaving which he took up farming at home with his father. He remained under the parental roof until the time of his marriage, when he entered upon an independent career as a farmer and has so continued. He purchased a small tract of his own and to this he has added by industry, good management and perseverance, aided by his capable wife, until they now own 960 acres, in Rushville, Posey and Walker townships. Mr. Lower rents out a part of his land, and the rest is devoted to general farming and to the raising of hogs for breeding and market purposes, Mr. Lower raising in the neighborhood of 500 hogs annually. At present, Mrs. Lower is interesting herself in the raising of Speckled Sussex chickens, a breed of poultry just being introduced in this country from England. On January 10, 1906, Mr. Lower married Dessie Hilligoss, who was born and received her education at Homer, followed by two years of attendance at the high school at Manilla and two years at Shelbyville. Mrs. Lower also took a course in music at the David Graham Academy, at Rushville, and is a woman of numerous accomplishments and splendid business judgment. She is the daughter and only child of James V. and Mary M. (Hodge) Hilligoss, the latter a native of Walker township. Mr. Hilligoss was born in Fleming county, Kentucky, and was two years of age when brought by his parents to Rush county, where he followed farming and stock raising throughout his life and became the owner of 703 acres. He died on October 3, 1914. His wife passed away on October 25, 1901. Mr. Lower is a popular member of Manilla Lodge, No. 34, Free and Accepted Masons, and in politics

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is a Democrat. He and Mrs. Lower are members of the Christian Union church of Homer. Their home at Homer is regarded as one of the finest residences in Rush county.

WILLIAM P. WHITE, a substantial farmer and representative citizen of Washington township, this county, was born in Union township, on May 24, 1864. His parents were Timothy P. and Marian M. (Smith) White. Timothy P. White was born in Maine and was about thirty years old when he came to Rush county, where he spent the rest of his life. He was a man of education and of business capacity. At first he taught school, then conducted a general store at Smelsers Mills in Union township, subsequently buying the mills which were afterward known as White's Mills. He acquired 700 acres of land in Union township and went into the stock business, feeding from seventy-five to 100 head of cattle yearly. After coming to Rush county he married Marian M. Smith, a native of the state of New York, and they had four children: Mrs. Clara Young, William P., Minnie and Sumner, the last two now being deceased. William P. White had school advantages in Rush county and later at Valparaiso, after which he returned to Union township and assisted his father on the home farm until his marriage, when he took over the entire responsibility and made his home there while managing the various farm industries. In 1899 he purchased 155 acres of very desirable land situated in Washington township, and this place has been the family home for the past twenty-two years. During this time Mr. White has made many improvements and has carried on large farming operations prudently and profitably. For twenty-five years he has specialized in raising Polled Angus cattle, selling for breeding purposes. Mr. White was married first to Ella Shover and they had two children, Ray T., who survives, and Harry, who is deceased. Mr. White was married second to Ora Opal Bitner, who was born in Center township, this county and they have two children, Thelmer and Mildred, both of whom are attending school. Mr. White and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Falmouth.

WILLIAM A. MULL belongs to one of the old-established families of Rush county. His present fine farm in Rushville township was entered from the Government by his grandfather, George Mull, in 1820, and among his cherished possessions is the sheepskin deed which gave ownership to this land which has always been in the Mull family. William A. Mull was born on his present farm, June 28, 1861, son of Henry C. and Elvira (Shaw) Mull, both of whom were natives of Rush county. Henry C. Mull spent his life on the homestead, and was always engaged in farming. He and his wife had six children, three of whom survive: William A., Clara and Catherine. Mary A. died at the age of thirty-seven, and two died in infancy. William A. Mull was educated in Rushville township, attending district school No. 11, known as the Compromise school. Up to the time of his marriage Mr. Mull worked with his father on the home farm, and after that conducted the place for about ten

years, but then bought his first land, a small farm of twenty-nine acres, and farmed it in addition to the homestead. About three years later he bought twenty-four acres more, and for two years was engaged in farming his own land. For the next twenty-six years he was engaged in drilling gas and oil wells, and kept on investing in land, becoming the owner of 365 acres in Rushville township. Since retiring from the well business he has bought ninety-one acres more, having now 365 acres, which land is conducted by his sons, who are doing general farming and raise about 110 head of hogs annually, and about twenty head of cattle. On September 3, 1885, William A. Mull married Laura J., daughter of Benjamin and Margaret (Cross) Fisher, natives of Shelby and Ripley counties, respectively, farming people. Mrs. Mull was born, reared and educated at Blue Ridge in Shelby county. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Mull; Harry A., a farmer on the home place, who married Beulah Murphy; Ernest, also a farmer on the home place, who married Blanch Crawford, and Margaret E., who is unmarried and lives at home. Mr. Mull belongs to Homer Lodge, No. 471, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and Manilla Lodge, No. 34, Free and Accepted Masons. For some years he has been a member of Pleasant Ridge Methodist Episcopal Church, and is highly regarded in this congregation. He is a Democrat. Mr. Mull is well-known all over Rush and adjoining counties.

MAURICE W. MANCHE, whose range of activities has included the promotion of agriculture, religion, education, politics, banking and business, is the owner and operator of a magnificent farm of 480 acres, located in one of the richest farming sections of Rush county, upon which stand one of the finest country homes and one of the most modern barns to be found in Ripley township. Mr. Manche was born in Hancock county, Indiana, September 1, 1877, a son of John and Mary (Ashcraft) Manche, natives of the same county. His father, reared an agriculturist, was still but a lad when the Civil war broke out, but enlisted in an Indiana volunteer infantry regiment, with which he fought bravely until the close of the conflict. When his military service was over and he had received his honorable discharge he returned to Hancock county and was married. Settling down to agricultural pursuits, he managed his affairs so well and prosecuted his activities so persistently, that he became the owner of 1,400 acres of land and was regarded as one of the most influential and highly respected citizens of his community. He and his wife became the parents of six children, of whom four survive: Charles, Della G., Elizabeth and Maurice. The education of Maurice Manche was acquired in the public schools of Hancock county, after leaving which he began farming in association with his father, and continued to be thus engaged until his marriage. Not long thereafter he changed his residence to Ripley township, Rush county, where he is now the owner of 448 acres, all within the township boundaries. Here he has built one of the finest country homes in the township as well as one of the largest barns, and his other buildings are proportionate

in value and attractiveness, while his improvements are of the most highly improved and modern character. Mr. Manche follows general farming and stock raising on a large scale and uses the most effective and up-to-date methods to secure his desired results. Primarily a farmer, his business abilities have led him into other activities, and at this time he is a stockholder in the Citizens Bank of Charlottesville, Ind., and the Hungate Wholesale Company. In politics he is independent and takes a good citizen's interest in matters of a political nature. Good movements, however, secure his immediate and generous support, whether they be of an educational, religious, charitable or civic nature. With his family, he belongs to the Methodist church, being a member of the congregation at Carthage, and fraternally he is affiliated with the Carthage blue lodge of Masons. On August 1, 1901, Mr. Manche married Laura B. Scott, daughter of Robert J. and Elizabeth A. (Scudder) Scott, of Hancock county, Indiana, and to this union there have been born two children, Raymond W. and Ruth E., both at home.

IRA HUNGERFORD, one of Orange township's landowners and well-known farmers, living on rural mail route No. 1 out of Manilla, is a native son of Rush county and has lived here all his life, a period covering a bit more than the traditional "three score and ten years," and he is still hale and hearty with the expectation of going on a considerable distance farther on the journey of life. He was born in the township in which he still makes his home, September 3, 1850, son of Melvin and Sarah E. (Willey) Hungerford, both of whom were born in Butler county, Ohio, but who came over here into Indiana following their marriage, established their home in Rush county and here spent the remainder of their lives, respected and useful members of the community in which they settled in the year 1844, the Hungerfords thus having been represented here for nearly eighty years. Melvin Hungerford became the owner of an excellent farm of 240 acres and was accounted one of the substantial citizens of his time in the community in which he lived. He and his wife were the parents of seven children, five of whom are still living, those besides the subject of this sketch being Richard, Hulda, Addison and Bertha. Reared on the old home farm in Orange township, Ira Hungerford received his schooling in the old Alter school house and from the days of his boyhood has devoted himself to farming. He remained an assistant in the development of the home farm until he was thirty years of age when he started farming for himself, renting a tract of 160 acres in Orange township, and after his marriage continued as a renter until he and his family moved onto the present farm of 135 acres in that same township, which his wife had inherited in the distribution of her father's estate, and has since resided there, he and his family being very comfortably situated. Though not as active a participant in the labors of the farm as in days gone by Mr. Hungerford still regards himself as able to "make a hand" in a pinch and still keeps a close supervisory eye over the operation of the place. In addition to his

general farming he has long been accustomed to give considerable attention to the raising of live stock and has done well. In his political leanings Mr. Hungerford is a Democrat and has ever been one of the ardent supporters of that party in this county, maintaining the cause for its own sake regardless of the opposition majority which it usually has to face. On May 13, 1885, Ira Hungerford was united in marriage to Mary M. Peck, who also was born in Orange township, daughter of Alfred and Elizabeth (Oliver) Peck, both members of pioneer families in this county, and to this union five children have been born, namely: Matthew, now engaged in the undertaking business at Detroit, Mich., who married Ida Imm and has two children, Beulah and Mariel; Ethel, who married Otto Meal, a barber, living at Rushville, and has two children, Thelma and Larau; Chloris, now living in the vicinity of Bowling Green, Ky., where he is engaged in drilling oil wells, and who married Lena Mabel and has one child, Gale; Welton, at home, and Flo F., wife of Earl Leffler, living at St. Paul, Ind.,

WILLARD WILKISON, whose memory is revered by a host of friends and acquaintances among whom he labored, having spent his energies through a life of honest endeavor to make the most of his opportunities as well as to assist as best he could those about him, was a man whom everybody liked, for he possessed a social nature and by his genial and kindly attitude to those about him won the confidence and respect of everyone. His career, though not long in years, was a busy and useful one, and he had excelled in those things which go to make a well-rounded character and a successful life. Willard Wilkison was born in Franklin county, Indiana, on April 26, 1883, and was a son of John T. and Lucy A. (Lee) Wilkison. He was educated in the public schools of Jackson township, Rush county, attending the Kenning and Osborn schools and completing his studies in the Osborn high school. After leaving school he remained on the home place, assisting his father in the farm work. On the death of his father he took over the homestead and operated it on his own account up to the time of his death, which occurred on July 19, 1919. The farm comprises 110 acres of fine tillable land and here Mr. Wilkison carried on general farming operations, in connection with which he also gave some attention to stock raising, feeding and marketing about 175 hogs annually. He had made many substantial improvements on the place and was practical and up-to-date in his methods. In 1907 Mr. Wilkison was married to Ethel Powell, who was born in Jackson township, Rush county, the daughter of George and Laura M. (Cross) Powell. These parents were both natives of Rush county, where the father had followed agricultural pursuits during all his active years, owning a fine farm of ninety acres in Jackson township. Mrs. Wilkison received her educational training in the Downey school in this township. To Mr. and Mrs.

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Powell were born three children, all of whom are living, namely: Ruby, Dalton and Ethel. Mr. and Mrs. Wilkison became the parents of two children, Ruth and Delbert, who are attending the Osborn school. Mr. Wilkison was an earnest and active member of the Church of Christ at Little Blue River. Politically, he gave his support to the Democratic party. He always took a deep interest in public affairs, especially as relating to his own locality, and he gave his support to every movement for the advancement of the general welfare. Industry, perseverance and sound common sense were the elements which contributed to his success and he enjoyed an enviable standing among his life-long acquaintances and friends.

ELMER E. ALEXANDER, an enterprising farmer in Walker township, this county, was born in that township, on August 27, 1877, one of a family of four children born to William and Emily J. (Lower) Alexander, both of whom were born in Rush county, where the Alexander family is an old and highly respected one. It was Mr. Alexander's grandfather who donated the ground on which the Alexander school stands in Walker township. Elmer E. Alexander attended school there with his one sister and two brothers, Lora, Minnie and Edward, after which he assisted his mother in the operation of the home farm of seventy-six acres, situated in Walker township. With this responsibility resting upon him he remained at home until he was thirty years old, then married and bought a farm of his own in Walker township. Mr. Alexander has a well improved farm of 52½ acres on which he carries on general farming and gives considerable attention to registered Duroc Jersey hogs, raising about fifty head annually. On September 5, 1907, Mr. Alexander married Jessie Steele, born in Shelby county, Indiana, daughter of John C. and Alice (Hiner) Steele. The father of Mrs. Alexander was a well known farmer in Rush county. She has one brother, Harry, and one sister, Fern, the latter of whom is the wife of Herbert M. Dearinger. Mr. and Mrs. Alexander are members of the Christian Union church of Homer. He belongs to the order of Odd Fellows and has passed the chairs in the lodge at Homer. In his political views he is a Democrat.

PERRY McCRORY, who died at his home in Union township in the fall of 1912 and whose widow is still living there, left a good memory at his passing and it is but fitting that there should be carried in this volume of biography of the old families of Rush county some modest tribute to that memory. Mr. McCrory had been a resident of this county ever since his marriage in 1877 and had gained many fast friends here who will not soon forget him. Though not a native of Rush county he had put in his part with the people of this county in the days of his young manhood and remained faithful to the new relations thus established, so that in this memorial he is regarded as one who was as much "one of us" as though "native and to the manner born," even as he felt himself to be. Perry McCrory was born

on a farm in the neighboring county of Fayette on June 23, 1853, and was thus in his sixtieth year when he died. His parents, William and Melissa (Iles) McCrory, both also were born in Fayette county, members of pioneer families there, and spent all their lives in that county. William McCrory was a farmer of diligent and methodical habits and developed an excellent piece of property. He and his wife were the parents of twelve children, of whom but one now survives, Mrs. Margaret Mount, of Wells county, this state. Reared on the home farm in Fayette county, Perry McCrory received his schooling in the neighborhood schools and from the days of his boyhood was devoted to a farmer's life. He remained an assistant to his father in the operations of the home place until he reached his majority when he rented a piece of land and began operations on his own account. When he married at the age of twenty-four he bought an "eighty" in Union township, this county, the place on which his widow is still living, established his home there and continued to reside on that place until his death on September 11, 1912. It was in 1877 that Mr. McCrory bought that place and upon taking possession he straightway entered upon the system of improvement which in time gave him one of the best kept little farms in the community, a place in the upkeep of which he ever took a personal pride. He also was a widely known breeder and trainer of fast horses. He was a good neighbor and a faithful friend and there are many in the community who will not soon forget his quiet friendliness to mankind. In his political views Mr. McCrory was a Republican and had ever given his interested attention to party affairs in the county; though his was a quiet participation in politics, but none the less effective in its way, and his circle of influence was an ever widening one. On September 25, 1877, Perry McCrory was united in marriage to Fannie Halsted, who was born in Grant county, this state, daughter of William and Mary J. (Austin) Halsted, the latter of whom was born in Baltimore, Md. William Halsted was a native Hoosier, born in Fayette county, and was living in Grant county, where he had established his home after his marriage, when the Civil war broke out. He enlisted his services in behalf of the Union and went to the front with one of the Indiana regiments, was captured by the enemy at the battle of Richmond and died in service in 1863, leaving his widow with four small children, but two of whom are now living, Mrs. McCrory and her brother, Herschel Halsted. For ten years before her marriage Mrs. McCrory was engaged as a teacher in the schools of Indiana, her first term and her last term being conducted in Rush county, the remainder of this period of service in the school room being spent in Fayette county, where she taught for eight terms, and she thus acquired a wide and very agreeable acquaintance hereabout, even before her marriage and permanent residence in this county. To Perry and Fanny (Halsted) McCrory four children were born, three of whom are living, namely: Fred, who married Mary Agnes Hughes and has five children, Marie, William H., Grace, Charles and Irene; Alice,

wife of Jesse Ridout, and Ernest, who married Torla Stevens and has two children, Herschel and Beatrice. Since the death of her husband Mrs. McCrory has continued to make her home on the home farm where she has so long resided and where she is very comfortably situated, on rural mail route No. 2 out of Glenwood. She is a member of the Christian church in Orange and has ever given her interested attention to church work as well as to other neighborhood good work, helpful in all ways in promoting movements having to do with the common welfare hereabout, her long experience as a school teacher in days gone by having been helpful in many ways in these gentle labors of love.

JOHN BOWLING, a venerable retired farmer and landowner of Orange township, living on rural mail route No. 2 out of St. Paul, was born in that same township and has lived there all his life, a period of more than eighty-six years. during which time he has been a witness to and a participant in the amazing changes which have been wrought in conditions and in the way of doing things since he was a boy. Despite his years Mr. Bowling continues to take a lively interest in current affairs and has many interesting stories to tell by way of comparison with events that were transpiring when he had a first conscious knowledge of affairs in the days of the early development of the community in which he has so long lived. Mr. Bowling was born on January 28, 1835, son of Richard and Sarah (Brown) Bowling, who were among the pioneers of Orange township. Richard Bowling and his wife both were born in Kentucky, the former on February 4, 1800, and the latter on December 28, 1800. They were married in Kentucky in 1828, and shortly afterward came up into Indiana and located in Rush county, settling on a farm in the then almost wilderness section of Orange township, where they established their home and spent the remainder of their lives, useful and influential residents of that community. They were the parents of five children, the subject of this sketch having had three sisters, Lucy, Maria and Susan, and a brother, Hiram Bowling. Reared on the pioneer farm on which he was born, John Bowling grew up to the ways of the farm and has been continuously engaged in that vocation. At nine years of age he began "working out" by the month, though continuing to make his home with his parents, and on through his young manhood continued to hire his services on the farm of the neighborhood, in the meantime carrying on his studies in the sometimes not always well equipped school in his home district, his schooling being secured at the old Slifer schoolhouse, which is still remembered by some of the older residents of Orange township. When about twenty-three years of age Mr. Bowling began farming on his own account, renting a farm in the neighborhood, and after his marriage, some three years later, continued to make his home on a rented farm for three or four years longer, at the end of which

time he bought twenty acres of the tract he now owns and there established his home and has ever since resided there. As his affairs prospered Mr. Bowling gradually added to his acreage until he became the owner of his present well kept farm of 141 acres, and continued farming the same until his growing weight of years necessitated his practical retirement from the active labors of the farm and he has since rented it out "on the halves." It was on March 3, 1861, that John Bowling was united in marriage to Nancy Lee, who was born in 1837 in the neighboring county of Shelby, a member of one of the real pioneer families of that county, her parents having been Jonathan and Mary (Copland) Lee, early settlers, and to this union one child was born, a son, John H. Bowling, who took up the carpenter's trade and is now living at Indianapolis. John H. Bowling married Alice Cadwell and has one child, a daughter, who married Roy Williams, an employe of the Belt Railroad at Indianapolis. Mrs. Nancy Bowling died on May 12, 1902. Mr. Bowling is an ardent Republican and has ever taken an interest in political affairs, though never having been an office seeker. He is affiliated with the Masonic lodge at Waldron and with the Red Men's lodge at St. Paul and has for years taken a proper interest in the affairs of these popular fraternal organizations.

ELBERT M. REDENBAUGH, one of the well known and substantial farmers of Orange township, this county, was born in that township on February 24, 1866, and has lived there all his life, making his home on the place in which he bought the interest of the other heirs after the death of his father, who developed the farm. His father, Philip Redenbaugh, was born in Jefferson county, Indiana, and when a young man came up into Rush county, where he married Mary McDuffy, who was born in this county, member of one of the pioneer families of Orange township, and established his home on a farm in that same township, becoming the owner of an excellent farm of 145 acres, and there spent the remainder of his life with the exception of ten years spent in Franklin county. Philip and Mary (McDuffy) Redenbaugh had ten children, of whom five are still living, those besides the subject of this sketch being Alpheus T., Robert M., Ulysses and Stella M. Reared on the home farm in Orange township, Elbert M. Redenbaugh received his schooling in the old Stewart schoolhouse and at Gowdy and from the days of his boyhood has devoted himself to farming. He remained at home during the days of his young manhood and after his marriage continued to make that place his home, renting the place from his father and farming on his own account. Upon his father's death five years later he bought the interests of the other heirs in the farm and has since continued to occupy it and has made numerous substantial improvements in the place, a well kept farm of 145 acres, the operations of which Mr. Redenbaugh carries on in up-to-date fashion. It was on April 24, 1907, that

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Elbert M. Redenbaugh was united in marriage to Millie Owen, who was born in Orange township in 1867, daughter of Benjamin and Jane (Mitchell) Owen, and to this union four children have been born, Leona B., Charles, Ray and Millie. The Redenbaughs have a pleasant farm home on rural mail route No. 2 out of Manilla, and have ever taken an interested part in the community's general social activities. Politically, Mr. Redenbaugh is a Republican, but while ever giving a good citizen's attention to local civic affairs has never been particularly active in "politics." Mr. and Mrs. Redenbaugh are members of the Christian church at Moscow.

JOHN H. COLLINS, one of the substantial farmers of Posey township, and a worthy representative of old families of this part of the state, was born in Marion county, Indiana, on September 17, 1890, and is the son of Perry and Maggie J. (Nelson) Collins, the former a native of Hancock county, Indiana, and the latter of Rush county. The father followed the vocation of farming during the major portion of his life and was a man of respectability and standing in his community. Of his five children, two are now living, the subject of this sketch and Claude. John H. Collins secured his education in the public schools of Shelby and Rush counties. He remained at home until seventeen years of age, giving his attention to the work of the home farm, but at that age he began to work out as a farm hand, being so employed for seven years. He then engaged in farming on his own account, locating on the place where he now resides, consisting of seventy-nine acres, which he inherited from his grandfather Nelson. Mr. Collins has made extensive improvements on the place, putting everything in good repair and maintaining the soil cultivation at the highest possible standard of excellence. He follows general farming and also raises some stock, shipping about a carload of hogs a year. On August 16, 1913, Mr. Collins was married to Agnes Gardner, who was born in Decatur county, Indiana, and educated in the schools of Decatur and Rush counties. She is the daughter of Levi D. and Alice (Elliott) Gardner, both of whom were born and reared in Decatur county and who became the parents of seven children, of whom the following are living: Olsa, Dora and Agnes. To Mr. and Mrs. Collins have been born two children, Delphia M. and Frederick L., the latter dying in infancy. Politically, Mr. Collins gives his support to the Democratic party and he is a member of Beech Grove Lodge, No. 399, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Arlington. Personally, Mr. Collins is genial and companionable and has a host of warm and loyal friends.

JOHN SILER, who after many years of connection with farming in Ripley township, is now living retired, one of the captains of success who has piloted his own craft to harbor in his several varieties of experience has followed farming and stock raising, and has served his community in public office. Mr. Siler was born on

a farm in Ripley township, this county, July 13, 1845, a son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Reddick) Siler, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Ohio, who came to Indiana in the early days of Rush county with their respective parents. The maternal grandfather of Mr. Siler entered about 480 acres of land in Rush county, and became one of this locality's prominent and influential citizens. Jacob Siler also followed farming throughout his career in Rush county, and at one time was the owner of 160 acres of good land in Ripley township, where his death occurred. He was the father of eight children, of whom four are living: Anna, John, Henry and Jesse. William, Susan and Peter are deceased. John Siler was educated in Ripley township, where he attended the Earnest schoolhouse, and after leaving school took up farming on the home place. He continued to be associated in farming operations with his father until three years after his marriage, when, with two of his brothers, he bought the homestead from the other heirs of the estate, the father having died. Later John and Jesse Siler bought the interest of the other brother, and continued to be associated in its operation until their retirement. Since then John Siler has rented his share of the property to his son-in-law. During the active years of his career Mr. Siler was known as a capable and industrious agriculturist, who was progressive in his methods and energetic in carrying his plans to completion. On September 24, 1868, he married Elizabeth Brosius, who was born in Rush county, daughter of George and Evaline (Campbell) Brosius, and to this union there have been born two children, Louise and Elizabeth. Louise married Oren Saunder, a farmer of Ripley township, and has four children: Pearl, who married George Fanchier, a farmer of Rush county, and has two children; Helen, who married John Dyer, a farmer of Posey township, Rush county, and has one child, Claribel; Paul, and Claude. Edith Siler married Mike Lovett, a farmer of Center township, Rush county. Mrs. Elizabeth (Brosius) Siler died on March 2, 1904, aged fifty-nine years, nine months and twenty-three days. On February 27, 1908, Mr. Siler married Ella Steffey, who was born and educated in Hancock county, Indiana, daughter of Henry L. and Elizabeth A. (Ormston) Steffey, the former a native of West Virginia, and the latter of Hancock county, Indiana. Henry L. Steffey was brought as a small boy to Hancock county, Indiana, where he grew to manhood and was married, and throughout his active career followed farming in Hancock county, where he was the owner of eighty acres of good land. He and his wife were the parents of four children, all of whom are living: Frances, Nettie, Melvin and Ella. Mr. Siler is a Democrat, and at various times has been called upon to serve in public office, having filled the positions of school director and road supervisor of his township. Mr. and Mrs. Siler belong to the Christian and Friends churches respectively, at Carthage.

HENRY E. GUFFIN, who died at his home in Union township in the summer of 1918, and whose widow is still living there, was not only one of the substantial farmers and landowners of Rush county, but had rendered valuable public service and at his passing left a good memory that not only is a priceless heritage to his family, but will long be cherished in the community at large. He had served as representative in the Indiana General Assembly from this district and in other ways had rendered to the public that which was due in every relation of life; a good man, a true patriot, a faithful friend, a neighbor beyond reproach, and had done well those things which his hand had found to do. Though not a native of Rush county, for he was born in the neighboring county of Franklin, he had been a resident of this county since the days of his young manhood, having located here immediately after his marriage in the spring of 1884, and had thus grown to regard himself as a very part of the community to which he thus by choice devoted himself and in all his relations to that community had rendered a true account, so that at his passing, as noted above, he left a memory that will long survive. Henry E. Guffin was born in the pleasant village of Andersonville, not far from the Rush county line in Franklin county, this state, January 25, 1863, son of Harry and Mary (Leach) Guffin, the latter of whom was born in that same county, a member of one of the old families there. Harry Guffin was born in Rush county, a member of one of the pioneer families and here grew to manhood. After his marriage to Mary Leach he for some time made his home over the line at Andersonville, but presently moved to Rushville, where he became engaged in the mercantile business. Some years later he moved to Indianapolis and there became engaged in the real estate business, a line he followed the rest of his life, his last days being spent in Indianapolis. He and his wife were the parents of three children, all now deceased. Having been but a lad when his parents moved from Rushville to Indianapolis, Henry E. Guffin received his schooling in the schools of the latter city and there remained until his marriage to a Rush county girl when he returned to this county and became engaged in farming, locating on the farm on which his widow is still living, and there spent the rest of his life successfully engaged in the vocation to which he had devoted himself, his death occurring there on June 11, 1918. Mr. Guffin not only was a good farmer, but a successful breeder of live stock and his operations were carried on on a quite extensive scale. As his affairs prospered he gradually added to his land holdings in Union township until he was the owner of a fine farm of 550 acres and had long been accounted one of the substantial men of the county. He was an ardent Republican and in 1904 was elected to represent this legislative district in the lower House of the Indiana General Assembly. He was a member of the Ben Davis Christian church,

as is his widow. Fraternally, Mr. Guffin was affiliated with the local lodge of the Masons and the Knights of Pythias. On April 3, 1884, Henry E. Guffin was united in marriage to Minnie Gray, who was born in Union township, and who, as noted above, survives. To this union were born five children, Mary G., Fred E., Nellie G., Florence E. and Chase L., all of whom are living. Mary G. married Gano Perry and Florence E. married Alva O. Bitner and has two children, Helen Louise and Marthena. During the period of this country's participation in the World war Chase L. Guffin served as a soldier, attached to the Three Hundred and Thirty-fourth regiment, located at Camp Taylor. Since the death of her husband Mrs. Guffin has continued to make her home on the farm, her sons carrying on the operations of the place. The Guffins have a very pleasant home on rural mail route No. 10 out of Rushville. Mrs. Guffin has lived in Union township all her life. Her parents were Virginians who had come to Indiana after their marriage and had located in Rush county, making their home in Union township, where they spent the remainder of their lives. George Gray was a good farmer and he and his wife were the parents of nine children, of whom five are still living, Mrs. Guffin having three brothers, John, George and Morton Gray, and a sister, Margaret.

JOHN P. DOWNEY, one of the best known and most substantial farmers and stockmen of Rush county and the proprietor of a fine farm one mile north of Arlington, in Posey township, was born in that township, a member of one of the old families of Rush county, and has lived here all his life. He was born on December 9, 1861, son of James H. and Lucinda L. (Price) Downey, both of whom also were born in this county, members of pioneer families and further mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume relating to the old families of the county, together with additional details regarding the Downey and Price families, the latter of whom came up here out of Kentucky. The Downeys also were Kentuckians, the first of the name to come to Rush county having been Jacob Downey, who entered a tract of land from the Government in what is now Jackson township, and there established his home, thus becoming one of the influential figures in the development of that now prosperous farming section. Jacob Downey and wife were the parents of seven children, William, James H., Sarah, Mary, Elizabeth, Deborah and Rebecca and the Downey connection of this line is thus a considerable one in the present generation. James H. Downey was reared in Jackson township and in the days of his young manhood was for some years engaged in teaching school, giving his attention to farming during the summers and after his marriage to Lucinda Price established his home on a farm in Posey township, where he became the owner of an excellent farm, and was long regarded as one of the leading citizens of that

part of the county. He and his wife had two sons, the subject of this sketch having a brother, Jacob F. Downey, cashier of the Arlington Bank, of whom further mention is made elsewhere. John P. Downey was reared on the home farm in Posey township, receiving his schooling in the local district school, the same being supplemented by the further excellent instructions received from his schoolteacher father, and from the days of his boyhood has been a farmer. In 1888 he became the owner of a farm of 120 acres five miles northwest of Arlington, which he sold in 1901 and bought the place where he now lives, which contains eighty acres. When his mother died he inherited fifty acres of the J. H. Downey homestead. His farm is improved in admirable fashion and in addition to his general farming he has long given considerable attention to the raising of live stock. On March 21, 1883, John P. Downey was united in marriage to Mary R. Stevens, who also was born in this county, daughter of Francis and Violet (Bitner) Stevens, of Ripley township, both of whom also were members of pioneer families in Rush county, and to this union two children have been born. Orwin F. and Maggie A. Orwin F. Downey, who is now engaged in the garage business at Arlington, married Anna Fancher, daughter of Johnson and Hettie Fancher, of this county, and has four children, Frank F., Edith Joy, Janice Ruth and Edna Hope. Maggie A. Downey married Ollie N. Brown, a well known young farmer of Posey township, and has had three children, Wilson Eugene (deceased), Jean Esther and Fern Isabel. Mr. and Mrs. Downey are members of the Church of Christ at Little Blue River and Mr. Downey has served this historic old church as an elder for about twenty-five years. He is a Democrat and for some time served his community as a member of the township advisory board. He is a man of progressive methods and has done well his part in advancing the common good in the community in which he has so long lived.

LEWIS J. NEWHOUSE, a well known farmer of Center township, this county, is the scion of a family that has been prominent in the public affairs of this section of the state and he himself has taken a keen interest in everything pertaining to the upbuilding of the community along legitimate lines and the general advancement of the public welfare. Mr. Newhouse is a native son of the old Hoosier state, having been born in Fugit township, Decatur county, on July 15, 1886. He is the son of Marshall E. and Ella (Throp) Newhouse, the former a native of Rush county and the latter of Decatur county. Marshall E. Newhouse was a successful man in his business affairs, having made farming his principal vocation throughout life, owning 240 acres of land in Decatur county. A strong Republican in his political faith, he was active in public affairs and served several years in the state legislature, including two terms, 1893-95 as representative from Decatur county, and two

terms, 1901-03, as joint senator from Decatur and Bartholomew counties. To him and his wife were born five children, of which number three are living, Winifred, Helen and Lewis J. Lewis J. Newhouse attended the common schools of his native township and completed his public school studies in the Clarksburg high school. He took a two-years preparatory course at Franklin College and then entered Purdue University, at Lafayette, Ind., where he took a mechanical engineering course. Mr. Newhouse then went to Texas and located on 320 acres of land belonging to his father, and on which he made a number of valuable improvements. Two years later he returned home and engaged in the operation of his father's farm for two years. During the following four years he engaged in valuation engineering in various parts of the country, but at the end of that period he again returned to the home farm, to which he devoted his efforts until 1919, when he moved to the place where he now lives, consisting of 185 acres of land in Center township, and known as the William F. Reeves farm. Here he carries on general farming and stock raising and has met with a satisfactory measure of success. On February 22, 1919, Mr. Newhouse was married to Ruby L. Emmert. To this union were born two sons, Philip, who died in infancy, and David Lewis, born on April 18, 1921. Mrs. Newhouse was born, reared and educated in Decatur county, completing her studies in the Clarksburg high school. She also attended the Ohio Conservatory of Music and is an accomplished musician. She is the daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Hauk) Emmert, the former a native of Bavaria, Germany, and the latter of Hamilton county, Ohio. Mr. Emmert was engaged in the lumber and flouring business in Clarksburg and also owned a farm of 285 acres in Decatur county. To him and his wife were born six children, of whom five are living, those besides Mrs. Newhouse being Carrie, Clinton, Sylvia and John L. Politically, Mr. Newhouse gives his support to the Republican party, while fraternally, he is a member of Lodge No. 148, Knights of Pythias, at Greensburg. Mr. Newhouse is an earnest member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and Mrs. Newhouse of the Presbyterian church.

BENJAMIN L. OWEN, a well known and substantial farmer of Orange township, was born in that township, on the farm a part of which he now owns and occupies, and has lived there all his life. He was born on December 21, 1857, son of Joseph and Sarah (Farlow) Owen, both of whom also were born in that same township, members of pioneer families there. Joseph Owen was a good farmer and was the owner of a farm of 665 acres in Orange township, where he and his wife spent their last days. They were the parents of four children, three of whom are still living, the subject of this sketch having a brother, Elmer Owen, and a sister, Mary. Reared on the home farm in Orange township, Benjamin L. Owen received his schooling in the old schoolhouse of district No. 6, and

from the days of his boyhood was well trained in the ways of the farm, a vocation he has followed ever since. He remained on the home farm until his marriage at the age of twenty-six, when he rented a portion of the home place and there established his home, developing an excellent farm, which he later inherited and on which he still lives. In addition to his general farming Mr. Owen raises about 100 head of hogs annually, and likewise gives proper attention to his other live stock interests. In his political views Mr. Owen is a Republican and has given a good citizen's attention to local civic affairs, but has not been what may be called an "active" politician nor a seeker after office, being content to give his attention to the duties daily at hand on the farm. It was on March 27, 1884, that Benjamin L. Owen was united in marriage to Sarah Marsh, a neighbor girl, who also was born in Orange township, and to this union five children have been born, Joseph, Nellie, Forest (deceased, March 20, 1895), Elmer and Fred. Nellie Owen married Harvey Fisher, a well known young farmer of Orange township. The three other children are unmarried and still at home. Mrs. Owen also is a member of one of the old families of Rush county, her parents, William and Katherine (Folck) Marsh, having been substantial farmers of Orange township. William Marsh was the owner of about 300 acres of land and had a good farm. He and his wife were the parents of seven children, all of whom are living save Mary, who died on January 23, 1903, the others besides Mrs. Owen being Margaret, Maria, Ellen, Rilla and Flora.

GRANT MILLER, whose valuable farm of eighty acres in Rushville township is one of the best in his neighborhood, was born in Shelby county, Indiana, April 3, 1865, son of Harrison and Mary (Thomas) Miller, both of whom were born in Rush county, he in Rushville township and she in Anderson township. After their marriage they moved to Shelby county and there he alternated his farming with teaching school in the winter until his wife died in 1868. At that time he returned to Rush county and bought a farm of 160 acres to which he kept on adding until at one time he owned 400 acres in Rush county. Of his two children, Grant Miller is the only survivor. He grew up in Shelby county and attended the Compromise school, and later became a student of the normal school at Danville, Ind. From boyhood he worked on the farm, and remained at home until his marriage, but after that rented a portion of the homestead from his father. Subsequently he moved to his present farm which he rented until his father's death, when he inherited the property. He has added to his holdings until he now owns 297 acres all of which is in Rush county. He carries on general farming and raises about 100 head of hogs annually. On March 14, 1889, Mr. Miller was married to Della E., daughter of Henry and Martha (Thompson) Hungerford. Mr. and Mrs. Miller became the parents of three children: Ariel W., who married Viv-

ian Kemple, a farmer on her father's homestead; Florence, who married Arthur Weidner, a farmer on her father's homestead, and Lillie, who died at the age of two and one-half years. Mr. Miller is a Republican, and has been a director of the Compromise school district for about six years. The family belongs to Big Flat Rock Christian Church and is active in its good work.

DAVID S. STEWART, an honored veteran of the Civil war and substantial landowner of Richland township, who died at his home in Milroy in the spring of 1917, and whose widow is still living there, was born on the farm of which he died possessed and had lived there nearly all his life, or until his retirement from the farm and removal to Milroy in 1906. He was born on July 7, 1837, son of David B. and Margaret (Wilson) Stewart, natives of Kentucky, who had come up into Indiana after their marriage and had entered a tract of land in Richland township, this county, which they developed into an excellent farm and on which they spent the remainder of their lives, useful and influential pioneers of that community. Reared on that pioneer farm, David S. Stewart completed his schooling in the old Richland Academy and was living at home, a valued assistant in the labors of the farm, when the Civil war broke out. He enlisted his services in behalf of the Union and went to the front as a member of K Company, Thirty-second regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, with which gallant command he served for more than three years, and with which he took part in the historic battles of Lookout Mountain, Stone's River, Missionary Ridge and Gettysburg. Upon the completion of his military service Mr. Stewart returned home and resumed his place on the farm. After his marriage in 1869 he continued to make his home there, in active management of the farm, eventually coming into possession of the same, a well improved place of 200 acres, and there resided until his retirement from the farm in 1906 and removal to Milroy, where he died on April 23, 1917, and where his widow is still living. Mr. Stewart was a member of the United Presbyterian church, and had ever taken an interested and active part in church work. He was an active member of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic and in the affairs of that patriotic organization took a warm interest, his surviving comrades of the post having a most excellent memory of him. In his political affiliation Mr. Stewart was a Democrat but had never taken a particularly active part in politics, although ever interested in movements looking to better government in local affairs. In the year 1869, David S. Stewart was united in marriage to Missouri Richey, who also was born in this county, in Anderson township, daughter of William and Cynthia (Henderson) Richey, and to this union one child was born, a daughter, Anna. Mrs. Stewart's father, William Richey, was for years one of the substantial and influential residents of Anderson township, where most of his life

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was spent. He was but a lad when he came to Indiana with his parents in pioneer days from Kentucky, the family coming to Rush county and settling in Anderson township, where he grew to manhood and where he married Cynthia Henderson, who was born in Ohio and who had come here with her parents in the days of her girlhood. After his marriage William Richey continued to follow farming and developed an excellent farm. He and his wife were the parents of eleven children, seven of whom are still living, those besides Mrs. Stewart being Mrs. Jerusha Nadal, Mrs. Arkansas Tompkins, Mrs. Catherine Smith, Mrs. Martha Maxey, Weston C. Richey and Morton Richey. Mrs. Stewart and her daughter have a pleasant home at Milroy and have ever given their interested and helpful attention to the work of their church, the Methodist Episcopal church at Milroy, and to the general helpful social activities of their home community.

HERBERT M. DEARINGER, a well-known general farmer residing in Rush county, was born in Washington township, this county, November 21, 1883, a son of George H. and Ellen (Dearinger) Dearinger, also natives of Rush county. Of their family of twelve children the following are living: Russell, of Rushville, Ind.; Wilbur, of Blue Ridge, Ind.; Loren, of Homer, Ind.; Mrs. Edna Dilenger, of Walker township, Rush county; and Herbert M. The father engaged in farming all through his active life, mainly in Walker township, this county. Herbert M. Dearinger obtained his schooling in Walker township, where he attended the Goddard school until fifteen years old, after which he worked as a farm hand in the neighborhood until twenty-three years of age, at which time he married. For some years after this he rented land in Shelby county, Indiana, and then came to his present place in Walker township, where he is successfully operating a farm of eighty acres that is owned by his father. On November 18, 1906, Mr. Dearinger married Fern Steele, born in Shelby county, Indiana, daughter of John and Alice (Hiner) Steele, farming people there. Mrs. Dearinger has one brother, Harry Steele, and one sister, Mrs. Jessie Alexander. Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Dearinger: Estel, Mabel, Denzel, Malcolm, Mary Alice, Lowell and Hugh. The family belongs to the Christian church at Homer. In politics Mr. Dearinger has always believed in and supported the doctrines of the Democratic party. He belongs to lodge No. 157, Knights of Pythias, at Morristown.

CLARENCE L. TEVIS, a well known and substantial farmer and stockman of Orange township and formerly and for some years a teacher in the schools of that township, has the distinction of owning the site of the first village planned in Rush county, on the farm which he owns, having been laid out the historic but long vanished town of Ashland, the first hamlet to spring up in what one hundred years ago became the confines of Rush county. Ashland, however, has long been but an indistinct memory of pioneer

days, but the land on which it was planned a fair city some day should arise is just as fertile as in those days of its pristine excellence and Mr. Tevis has made of it a valuable farm. His father formerly owned the place and there are many recollections of boyhood days inseparably connected with it that give it to him a double value, even more than its undoubted intrinsic worth. Mr. Tevis was born in Orange township and has lived there all his life. He was born on December 1, 1875, son of Augustino D. and Mary E. (Carr) Tevis, the latter of whom was born in the neighboring county of Decatur, a member of one of the old families down there. Augustino D. Tevis was born in Rush county, a member of one of the pioneer families of Rushville township, and all his life was spent here. For about twenty-five years from the days of his young manhood he was engaged as a teacher in the schools of Rush county, teaching during the winters and farming during the summers, and thus came to have a wide acquaintance throughout the county. He also took an active part in local political affairs and for four years served as trustee of Orange township. His farming prospered and he became the owner of an excellent farm of 195 acres, the site above referred to as having been platted for the ambitious but ineffectual village of Ashland back in the days more than a century ago, before Rush county had been created a separate civic unit in the then growing group of Indiana counties. On that place Augustino D. Tevis and his wife spent their last days, honored and influential residents of the community. They were the parents of four children, two of whom are living, the subject of this sketch having a sister, Effie, now living at Indianapolis, wife of William Buxton, city salesman for the Standard Metal Company of Indianapolis. Reared on the home farm, Clarence L. Tevis received his early schooling in the excellent school at Moscow and at seventeen years of age was licensed to teach, his first school being that at Gowdy, and for eight years thereafter he continued to teach in the schools of his home township. While thus engaged Mr. Tevis continued his studies, attending in succession the normal school at Danville, Ind.; the Indiana State Normal School at Terre Haute, and the university at Valparaiso, from which latter institution he was graduated, receiving his bachelor degree. When he left the school room Mr. Tevis became engaged in farming on his own account, renting a half of the farm on which he is now living, and after his marriage established his home there and has since made that his residence. Upon the distribution of his father's estate he purchased from his sister the other half of the old home farm, and is now the owner of a well kept place of 112 acres, on which besides the general farming he carries on he gives considerable attention to the raising of live stock, with particular attention to the breeding of spotted Poland China hogs, and is doing well in his operations. It was on February 29, 1908, that

Clarence L. Tevis was united in marriage to Daisy E. Stotsenburg, who was born in the neighboring county of Decatur, and to this union three children have been born, George A., Mary E. and Carol L., the first two of whom are now (1921) attending school at Moscow. Mr. and Mrs. Tevis are members of the Christian church at Moscow and take a proper part in the work of the church and in the general good works of the neighborhood. They have a pleasant home on rural mail route No. 2 out of Milroy, and have ever taken an interested part in the community's general social activities. In his political views Mr. Tevis is a Democrat and has ever taken an earnest interest in local civic affairs. He is a member of the Masonic lodge (No. 217) at Waldron and has long given his interested attention to Masonic affairs. Mrs. Tevis was, as noted above, born in Decatur county. She was graduated from the St. Paul (Indiana) high school and then took a course in the normal school at Marion, and she and her husband have ever maintained their warm interest in the promotion of the cause of better schools. Mrs. Tevis's parents, George and Elizabeth (Sanford) Stotsenburg, the latter also born in Decatur county, a member of one of the old families there, and the former an Ohioan by birth, were the parents of six children, of whom four are still living, Mrs. Tevis having a brother, Joseph Stotsenburg, and two sisters, Pearl and Grace.

GEORGE RIDER, a well-known general farmer and stockraiser in Washington township, this county, has spent the greater part of his life in this state and has always been engaged in agricultural pursuits. Mr. Rider was born in Ross county, Ohio, June 2, 1853, a son of Thomas and Sarah (Gotchall) Rider. Thomas Rider was born and grew to manhood in Ohio. When he first came to Indiana he located in Henry county, where he rented and operated eighty acres of land for two years and then moved to Rush county and settled on a farm of 300 acres, on which he died four years later. George Rider attended school in Ohio and in Henry county, Indiana, giving his father assistance from the time he was old enough until his father died, after which he managed the farm for one year. He then moved to Raleigh and for the next ten years hired out to farmers, at the end of that time renting a tract of twenty-five acres, which he conducted until his marriage, when he moved to his present farm in Washington township. Mr. Rider has a fine property here, comprising fifty-three acres of well developed land. He married Sarah C. Scott, and they have seven children: Earl, Hazel, Mary, Harold, Elmer, Marion and Charles, all residing in Rush county except Mary, who is the wife of Alonzo Ayers, a farmer in Jackson county, Indiana. Mrs. Rider was born in Washington township, Rush county, a daughter of James and Mary (Finney) Scott. Her grandfather, Jesse Scott, was the first of the family to come to Rush county and he entered eighty acres of Government land in Washington township.

The parents of Mrs. Rider died in Washington township, her father at the time of his death owning 208 acres in this township, where he had been a successful farmer and stockraiser. There were eight children in the Scott family, the survivors being Sarah, Mrs. Rider, Parks and Joseph. In politics Mr. Rider is a Democrat.

ALBERT G. SHAUCK, M. D., of Arlington, in whom the medical profession in Rush county has an able exponent, has firmly established himself in his vocation here and won the confidence and esteem of the people and his professional brethren. Doctor Shauck was born in Union township, this county, on March 9, 1878, and is the son of John L. and Josephine (McMillin) Shauck, the latter also a native of Union township, daughter of John T. and Nancy (Pentecost) McMillin. John L. Shauck was born in Morrow county, Ohio, where he was reared and educated, coming to Rush county in early manhood, and has here ever since been actively engaged in school work, formerly county superintendent of schools and for many years one of the most influential figures in the educational life of the community. John L. Shauck is a son of William H. and Mary A. Shauck, the former a native of York county, Pennsylvania, and the latter of Maryland. William H. Shauck was a son of John and Rebecca (Lemmon) Shauck, both natives of Maryland and the former of whom served as a major in the colonial forces during the Revolutionary war. Albert G. Shauck attended the common schools of his native community, and then went to the high school at Milroy, where he was graduated. He then attended Otterbein University at Westerville, Ohio, where he spent two years, and on the completion of his academic studies he matriculated in the Indiana Medical College, at Indianapolis, where he spent four years, being graduated in 1905 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Immediately thereafter, Doctor Shauck located in Arlington, where he has remained continuously since. He has met with success and is numbered among the leading physicians of Rush county. He is a constant student and a reader of the best professional literature and keeps constantly in touch with the latest advances in the healing art. On September 22, 1920, Doctor Shauck was married to Rita E. Gilson, who also was born in Rush county, daughter of Herbert T. and Katherine (Krammes) Gilson, both members of old families in this county. When Mrs. Shauck was four years of age her parents moved from this county to Spokane, Wash., where she was reared and educated. She specialized in oil painting and is a licensed instructor in that branch of art. She has two brothers, Francis K. and Robert C. Gilson, and a sister, Flora Belle. Politically, Doctor Shauck has been a lifelong supporter of the Republican party and served two terms as coroner of Rush county, 1912 to 1916. Fraternally, he is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is affiliated with the blue lodge at Milroy, and the chapter and council at Rushville; the Be-

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nevolent and Protective Order of Elks, at Rushville, and Beech Grove Lodge, No. 399, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Arlington. He is also a member of the Rush County Medical Society and the Indiana State Medical Society. His religious affiliations are with the Christian church at Arlington. Personally, the doctor is genial and companionable and enjoys a marked degree of popularity throughout the community where he is known.

ELMER KELLAM, a progressive young farmer of Orange township, this county, was born on a farm in Wayne county, Indiana, June 11, 1892, son of Richard J. and Elizabeth (Schenk) Kellam, the latter of whom also was born in that county. Richard J. Kellam was a native of South Carolina, but most of his life was spent in Indiana, for years a farmer in Wayne county. He and his wife were the parents of ten children, all of whom are living, those besides the subject of this sketch being Albert, Charles, Martin, John, Gertrude, Jessie, Lucy, Mary and Ima. Reared on the home farm in Wayne county, Elmer Kellam received his schooling in that county and as he was well trained to the ways of the farm early became engaged in that calling as his life's vocation. He married at the age of twenty-three and then began farming on his own account, renting a farm in this county. He is now renting a well kept place of eighty acres in Orange township and there makes his home, he and his family being quite comfortably situated. Mr. Kellam carries on his operations along up-to-date lines, is progressive and enterprising, and if his plans mature as he confidently expects will in due time become included in the list of landowners of Rush county. It was on December 18, 1915, that Elmer Kellam was united in marriage to Lavonne Wagoner, who was born in this county, daughter and only child of Lloyd and Lora (Ross) Wagoner, and to this union three children have been born, Loretta, Marguerite and Edna. Mr. and Mrs. Kellam are members of the Big Flat Rock Christian Church and give proper attention to the work of the church as well as to the general good works and social activities of their home neighborhood. Mr. Kellam is a Democrat and takes a good citizen's interest in local political affairs. Mrs. Kellam is a member of one of the old families of Rush county, both the Wagoners and the Rosses having been represented here since pioneer days. Her father, Lloyd Wagoner, was born in Orange township, as was his wife, and is still living there, owner of an excellent farm of 120 acres. The Kellams live on rural mail route No. 2 out of Manilla and have a pleasant home.

WILLIAM C. FAIR, one of the enterprising farmers of Rushville township, operating a farm of 170 acres of land, was born in Union township, Shelby county, February 19, 1873, son of Michael and Sarah E. (Kines) Fair, both of whom were born in that county, where they were educated. Michael Fair became the owner of eighty acres of land on which he was long engaged in farming. He and his wife had eight children, six of whom now survive, Celestia, William C., Charles A., Scott, Lotta and Mabel. William C. Fair was reared

in Vine township, Shelby county, and after completing his attendance at the local schools devoted his time to assisting his father with whom he remained until his marriage, although from the age of eighteen to twenty-four years he worked as a farm hand. Following his marriage he rented 120 acres of land in Shelby county, and farmed it and other rented properties in that county for some years. Finally he came to Rush county and for the past seventeen years has been operating his present farm which he rents from T. K. Mull. Here he is doing general farming and stockraising business and produces about 200 hogs annually. On March 21, 1896, Mr. Fair was married to Maggie Gardner, daughter of Robert and Dorothy (Crim) Gardner, both natives of Shelby county, where their daughter was also born. She died on August 8, 1909, and is buried in the Bennett cemetery in Shelby county. Mr. and Mrs. Fair had four children, all of whom are living: Raymond, a farmer of Rushville township, who married Margaret Kirk, and has two children, William H. and Bertha V., and Robert, Thomas and Lealand, who are at home. Mr. Fair belongs to Manilla Camp, Modern Woodmen of America, and Rushville Lodge, Improved Order of Red Men. He is a Republican. In both Shelby and Rush counties Mr. Fair is held in high esteem.

JAMES W. BRANAM, a well-known general farmer in Walker township, this county, was born in that township, March 6, 1864, and has always lived there. His parents were Matthew and Jane (Hodge) Branam, the former of whom was born in Ireland and the latter in Rush county. Matthew Branam came to the United States alone when sixteen years old. He followed an agricultural life and lived in Rush county for many years. Of the six children of the family the following are living: James W., Sarah A., Alberta and Alfred E. They all attended the common schools in Walker township and James W. was his father's right hand man on the farm as long as the latter lived. At that time he and his sister, Sarah A., inherited the home place consisting of 130 acres in Walker township. To this Mr. Branam has added eleven adjoining acres and has the entire 141 acres under his management. In addition to crop growing he feeds both cattle and hogs, having about 15 head of cattle and 100 head of hogs yearly. He and his sister, Miss Sarah A. Branam, reside on the homestead. They are members of the Christian Union church at Homer, and he belongs to the order of Red Men at Homer. In politics he is a Democrat.

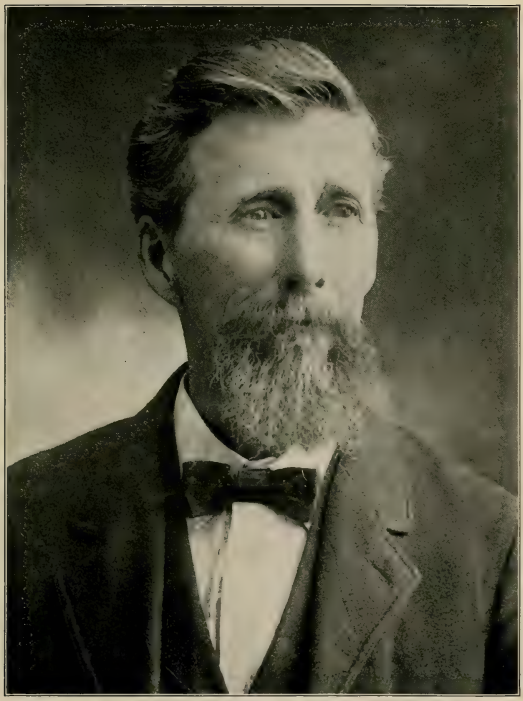
MRS. EMMA (KIRKPATRICK) SAXON, who resides on and manages her fine farm of eighty acres, situated in Washington township, this county, is the widow of Leroy Saxon, who for many years was an excellent farmer and highly respected citizen of this section. Leroy Saxon was born in Fayette county, Indiana, July 3, 1865. He attended school in that county and completed his education in the old Fairview Academy, where the course of study was thorough and practical. Mr. Saxon devoted the rest of his life to farming, at first in association with his father and later for himself, at the time of his marriage purchasing a farm of eighty acres in Washington town-

ship. He improved this property and through his thrift and good management greatly increased its value. His death occurred there on March 23, 1907. Mr. Saxon married Emma Kirkpatrick, who was born in Washington township, this county, a daughter of Samuel and Charlotte Kirkpatrick. Mrs. Saxon, like her husband, was educated at Fairview Academy. Mr. and Mrs. Saxon had two children: Lola B., who married W. T. Cummins, of Fayette county, and has two children, Leroy and Roscoe, and Mary C., who is the wife of Guy Wiley. Mr. and Mrs. Wiley reside with Mrs. Saxon on the home farm. They have four children: Etna Mae, Wayne, Russell L. and Paul La Verne. Mrs. Saxon is well-known and very highly esteemed in Washington township. She is a member of the Fairview Christian Church as was her husband during life. Mr. Saxon was greatly interested in church affairs and for a number of years was superintendent of the Sunday school.

CHARLES FOSTER, one of the large landowners and successful farmers of Union township, now living on the old Smith place where he has made his home since the spring of 1913, is a native Hoosier, a fact of which he never has ceased to be proud, and has lived in this state all his life, a resident of Rush county since the days of his young manhood. He was born in Grant county on December 24, 1864, son of John and Martha (McConnell) Foster, both of whom were born in Fayette county, members of pioneer families there. John Foster and Martha McConnell were married in Fayette county and for some years then made their home in Grant county, but not finding things there to their liking returned to Fayette county and established their home on a farm in the western part of that county, John Foster there developing an excellent piece of property. On that place Mrs. Foster died. Upon his retirement from the active labors of the farm Mr. Foster moved to Dunreith, where he is now living. John and Martha (McConnell) Foster were the parents of five children, those besides the subject of this sketch, the third in order of birth, being Harriet, Edward of Glenwood, James of Rushville and Reull. Charles Foster was but a child when his parents returned to Fayette county from Grant county, and in the schools of the latter county he received his schooling. He remained at home assisting his father in the operations of the home farm until his marriage at the age of twenty-three when he began farming on his own account, coming over into Rush county and renting a farm in Union township. This was a farm of 240 acres and on that place he made his home for twenty-seven years, meanwhile as his affairs prospered buying land for himself. His first investment was in a tract of twenty acres and to this he gradually added until he had the 240 acres. In March, 1913, Mr. Foster moved from that farm to the old Smith place of 136 acres in Union township on which he is now living and which he owns and has there since made his home, he and his family being

very comfortably situated. In addition to the land above mentioned Mr. and Mrs. Foster have other land holdings in Union township, owning a total of 460 acres. In addition to his general farming Mr. Foster always has given considerable attention to the raising of live stock and in his operations has done well. His place is well improved and well kept and he has one of the most up-to-date farm plants in the countryside. Mr. Foster is a Democrat. He and Mrs. Foster are members of the Ben Davis Christian church and have ever given their interested attention to the work of the church as well as to the general good works of the community. On October 6, 1887, Charles Foster was united in marriage to Harriet R. Smith, who was born on the farm on which she is now living, a member of one of the old families of Rush county, and to this union four children have been born, namely: Blanche, wife of Charles Eskew; Thomas, who married Beatrice Bagley; Paul, who married Myrtle Johnston and has one child, a son, Thomas Emerson, and Clarence, who is unmarried. Mrs. Foster's parents, Thomas and Charlotte (Thompson) Smith, both were born in Rush county and lived here all their lives. Thomas Smith was a son of the pioneer Louis Smith, who came to this county in pioneer days and entered a tract of land in Noble township, where he made his home for about fifty years. Thomas Smith grew up a farmer and continued in that line, in which he was quite successful, coming to be the owner of close to 700 acres of land. He and his wife had two children, daughters both, Mrs. Foster having a sister, Catherine. The Fosters have a very pleasant home on rural mail route No. 10 out of Rushville and have ever taken a hospitable and becoming interest in the community's general social activities.

THOMAS BEAVER, than whom no man stands higher in public esteem among the residents of New Salem who, after many years of continuous and successful effort, are now resting from labor and enjoying the fruits of former toil, is a native son of Rush county, having been born in Noble township in 1841. He is the son of John and Elizabeth (Heaton) Beaver, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of Rush county, Indiana. John Beaver was brought by his parents to Rush county in his boyhood and ever afterward lived in this county. His parents, who were among the pioneer settlers of this locality, entered land in Noble township and there created a fine homestead farm, spending the remainder of their days there. There John Beaver grew to manhood. He received his education in the common schools of Noble township, and after his marriage began farming on his own account on rented land in Fayette county, but a short time afterward he bought a farm in Noble township and there spent the remainder of his life. He was a good farmer and a wise manager, and at one time owned 300 acres of land. Of the eleven children born to him and his wife, five are now living, namely: Thomas, Margaret, Mor-



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rison, George and Benjamin. Thomas Beaver was reared on the paternal farmstead and attended the schools of Noble township. He then worked on the home farm with his father until about a year after his marriage, when he bought a tract of timber land from his father, to the clearing and improvement of which he applied himself. He built a comfortable home, cleared about ninety acres of land and devoted himself to the operation of this farm until 1903, when he moved to New Salem, where he now resides. At one time he owned over 200 acres of land, but has disposed of all his farm land. He also engaged in stock buying for about twenty years and in this business he traveled over much of the county. Mr. Beaver has been twice married, his first union being with Mary Ann McKee, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel McKee, and to them were born four children, namely: Bert, who married Miss Gray and has two children, Wilbur and Stella; Samuel, who married Mabel Cassady and has one child, Harold; Lottie, who became the wife of Aaron Wellman, and Betty, who became the wife of Harry Stricker. After the death of his first wife, Mr. Beaver was married to Jennie Lewis, daughter of John S. and Sarah (Beetem) Lewis. Mr. Beaver has long been a member of the Methodist Protestant church, of which he has been a steward. Politically, he is a Republican. He is a man of strong character and clean life and enjoys marked popularity throughout the community where he is known.

DAVID M. DEARINGER, a well known farmer, residing on his well improved property in Walker township, this county, was born in that township on April 25, 1866. His parents were James M. and Minerva A. (Hilligoss) Dearinger, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of Rush county. They had a family of five children, four of these surviving: John R., Isaac N., Armilda J. and David M. The father was a successful farmer in Rush county, the owner of 320 acres of land. David M. Dearinger got his educational training in the Goddard public school in Walker township, after which he assisted his father on the home place until the time of his marriage, when he rented a part of the home farm. For fifteen years Mr. Dearinger operated as a renter there, then bought the eighty acres which comprise his farm, immediately afterward beginning its improvement. He has put up substantial buildings, has developed a gas well on the place that he utilizes for domestic and farm purposes, and carries on his various farm industries according to modern methods. In addition to crop raising he ships 150 head of hogs yearly. On November 4, 1891, Mr. Dearinger married Etta Miller, who also was born in Rush county, daughter of John S. and Mahala (Orme) Miller. There were four children in the Miller family and three are living, Laura H., Elmer J. and Etta. The father of Mrs. Dearinger was a farmer in Walker township. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Dearinger, three of whom survive: Chester,

who is in the railway mail service, resides at Rushville, married Mary Woods; Carl, who is a farmer in Walker township, married Lavon Casady; and Clell, who is at home. Mr. Dearinger and his family are members of the Baptist church at Homer, Ind., and he is a deacon in that body. He has always given his political support to the Democratic party.

ADAM A. RICHEY, one of Orange township's well known and substantial farmers and stockmen, now living practically retired from the active labors of the farm, his son and his son-in-law looking after the operations of the same, is a native son of Rush county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in Anderson township, June 7, 1859, son of Green B. and Catherine (Zimmerlee) Richey, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of Virginia, whose last days were spent in this county, where they had made their homes since the days of their childhood. Green B. Richey was but a lad when he came to Indiana with his parents from Kentucky and he grew up in Rush county, where the family had settled upon coming to this state. Here he married Catherine Zimmerlee, who had come here with her parents from Virginia in the days of her girlhood, and after his marriage he established his home on a farm and continued farming the rest of his life. He and his wife were parents of eleven children, six of whom are still living, those besides the subject of this sketch being Mary, Rilda, John, Roll and Emma. The deceased members of this family were Charles, Oran, William, Patience and Luella. Reared on the home farm in Anderson township, Adam A. Richey received his schooling in the old school house in district No. 8. At the age of nineteen he began working on his own account, working as a farm hand on neighboring farms, and so continued until his marriage when he rented a tract of land from his father-in-law, Alfred Peck, in Orange township. On that place he made his home for about twelve years and then, in 1900, moved to his present place of residence, the old Peck home farm of 125 acres, which his wife had inherited about that time, and has there since resided, he and his family being very comfortably situated. In addition to his general farming Mr. Richey gives considerable attention to the raising of live stock and feeds out a car load or more of hogs annually. He still keeps a supervisory eye over the operations of the farm though for some time past the active operations of the place have been carried on by his son, Alfred Richey, and his son-in-law, Verton Rockafellow, both progressive and up-to-date young farmers who are doing well. In his political views Mr. Richey is a Republican, but has never taken a particularly active part in politics, though ever maintaining a warm interest in local governmental affairs. He and his wife are members of the Christian church at Moscow and have ever taken an interested part in church work as well as in the general good works of the community. Fraternally, Mr. Richey is a member of Blue Ridge Lodge, No. 473, Knights of Pythias. It was on August 14, 1887, that Adam A. Richey was united in marriage to Jessie F. Peck, who was born on the farm on which

she is now living, and to this union two children have been born, Alfred and Ina. Alfred Richey, who, as noted above, is farming a part of the home place, has been twice married and has two children, Wanda and Charkie. His first wife, Edna Fisher, who also was born in Orange township, died on August 1, 1913, and he later married Mable Favor, of St. Paul, this state. Ina Richey married Verton Rockafellow, also of this county, and has one child, a daughter, Mary Fremont. Verton Rockafellow, who, as noted above, is farming a part of the Richey place, the old Peck farm, served during the world war as a sergeant in the Fifty-second Coast (Railroad) Artillery and during the closing months of the war participated in some very stirring action, including the historic battle of the Argonne in September, 1918, and the no less equally decisive engagement at St. Mihiel, September 11-14, and in the battle at Beenorth, September 23-27, as well as in prior engagements at Thurneville, August 25-27, and Balinacourt, August 27-29. Mr. Rockafellow was in the service twenty-two months, seventeen months of which were spent overseas, and he received his discharge on January 23, 1919. Mrs. Richey was born on the farm in Orange township on which she is now living and received her schooling in the nearby Peck schoolhouse. Her parents, Alfred and Elizabeth (Colliver) Peck, were both born in Kentucky and came to Indiana with their respective parents in the days of their childhood, both the Pecks and the Collivers settling in Rush county. Here Alfred Peck and Elizabeth Colliver were married, in 1850, and established their home in Orange township, where they spent the remainder of their lives, useful and influential residents of that community. In his earlier days Alfred Peck for some time followed the vocation of millwright and carpenter and did much building hereabout, but he later settled to farming and at the time of his death was the owner of more than 800 acres of excellent land in Orange township. He and his wife were the parents of seven children, of whom four are still living, those besides Mrs. Jessie F. Richey being Lina, May and Lafayette. The deceased children of this family were Josephine, Sally and Samuel Peck.

IRA ROTAN, a well known farmer of Washington township, this county, was born in Decatur county, Indiana, November 17, 1867, a son of John W. and Phoebe (Halstead) Rotan. John W. Rotan was born in Decatur county, September 4, 1838, and was a son of Isaiah and Ruth Rotan, who were early settlers in that county. John W. Rotan was reared, educated and married in Decatur county and from there came with his family to Rush county, February 22, 1870. He rented 116 acres of land in Richland township and carried on farming during the rest of his life, his death occuring on July 20, 1901. He was an industrious, upright man and was universally respected. He had five children, Ira, Fanny, Ora, Elizabeth and Owen. Ira Rotan was three years old when the family moved to Richland township where he grew to manhood

and obtained his education in the public schools. He assisted his father on the farm in Richland township, but after his father's death bought his present fine farm in Washington township, on which he and his two sisters, Elizabeth and Fannie, have lived ever since. Mr. Rotan is unmarried. He has ninety-eight acres in his farm and has the entire tract under cultivation. He is a member of the United Brethren Church in Richland township. Like his father before him, he has always voted with the Democratic party.

CHARLES M. SEFTON, well known throughout Rush county as one of the enterprising farmers of Rushville township, his eighty-acre farm being recognized as one of the best-developed in his neighborhood, was born in Decatur county, Indiana, September 27, 1867, son of James and Harriette (Riffe) Sefton, natives of Ohio and Virginia, respectively. James Sefton was a farmer by occupation, and had eight children, five of whom are now living, Frank, Wesley, Gus, Charles M. and Lou. Charles M. Sefton was reared and educated in Decatur county, and after he finished his schooling he took up farming with his father with whom he remained until he was married. After that Mr. Sefton rented land in Decatur county for about two years and then moved to Rush county, buying 121 acres in Anderson township. This he farmed for about four years and then sold it and bought his present farm of eighty acres in Rushville township. He does general farming and raises about seventy-five head of hogs annually. On September 24, 1894, Mr. Sefton married Nettie Brown, daughter of John and Mary (Shields) Brown. Mrs. Sefton was born, reared and educated in Decatur county. Mr. and Mrs. Sefton have four children, Raymond, Lois, John and Eugene. Raymond Sefton, who is a farmer of Rushville township, married Ruth Moore. The other children are single and at home. Mr. Sefton belongs to the Rushville lodges of the Knights of Pythias and the Improved Order of Red Men. He is a Methodist, and loyal to his local congregation. In politics he is a Democrat.

WILLIAM H. GRAY, a well known and substantial farmer of Union township, now living retired at Glenwood, is a member of one of the old families hereabout and has lived in this county and in the neighboring county of Fayette all his life. He was born on a farm in Union township, this county, June 29, 1861, son of James and Martha (Nichols) Gray, the former of whom was born in that same township, his parents having been pioneers of that section, and who became one of the leading farmers of the neighborhood. Reared on the home farm, William H. Gray received his schooling in the neighborhood schools and from the days of his boyhood has devoted himself to farming. He early started out on his own hook, renting a farm in this county and after his marriage at the age of twenty-four continued as a renter here for a couple of years, or until 1887, when he moved over into Fayette county, bought a tract of forty acres on which he established his home and started

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there as a farmer on a considerable scale, renting about 600 acres of land and carrying on his operations in a progressive and profitable fashion, these operations at times including the cultivation of as much as 700 acres of land, in addition to which he gave considerable atention to the raising of live stock for the market, often disposing of as many as 300 head of hogs a year besides many cattle. Mr. Gray was not disposed to invest in farm lands, and never owned more than eighty acres. He continued his operations in Fayette county for eighteen years, at the end of which time he returned to Rush county and has for some years been residing at Glenwood, where he and his family are very comfortably situated. Mr. and Mrs. Gray are members of the Ben Davis Christian church and Mr. Gray has served as a member of the official board of the church numerous terms, and also has been a trustee of the church. In his political affiliation he is a Republican. It was on August 12, 1885, that William H. Gray was united in marriage to Carrie B. Hinchman, who also was born in this county, and to this union two children have been born, Walter, who married Ethel Eakins, and Clara, who married Leslie Hinchman, now living at Glenwood, and has had two children, Orville (deceased) and Lowell Walter. Mrs. Gray's parents, Robert and Sarah J. (Kirkpatrick) Hinchman, both were born in Rush county, members of pioneer families here, as will be noted by reference made elsewhere in this volume to these two families. Robert Hinchman was a son of the pioneer James Hinchman, and became one of the substantial farmers and landowners of his neighborhood, at one time the owner of better than 200 acres of excellent land. He died on April 13, 1919, at a ripe old age. He and his wife were the parents of seven children, of whom five are still living, Mrs. Gray having two brothers, Van A. and William E. Hinchman, and two sisters, Eva and Hazel J. The deceased children of this family were Cora and Dora, who died in infancy.

BILLY W. WAGONER, a well known and progressive farmer of Orange township, was born in this county and has lived here the greater part of his life, now making his home on the old home place, he and his sister Auda being very pleasantly situated there. He was born on August 21, 1861, son of Robert M. and Harriet (Kelly) Wagoner, both of whom also were born in this county, members of old families here, and who spent their last days here. Dr. Robert M. Wagoner was a veterinary surgeon and in his professional capacity was widely known throughout this section. He had a farm of 120 acres and was also for years largely engaged in the buying of live stock. He and his wife were the parents of three children, the subject of this sketch and his sister Auda and their brother, Hannegan Wagoner. Reared on the home farm, Billy W. Wagoner received his schooling in the neighborhood schools and as a young man was for some years engaged in farming his father's place. He then took

employment in a farm implement store at Blue Ridge and was there engaged as a clerk for about fifteen years, at the end of which time he went to Shelbyville where he was in charge of the implement and automobile department of the O. L. Means department store until in 1918 when he returned to the old home place in Orange township, this county, resumed charge of part of the same and has since been farming there, he and his sister Auda making their home there, as noted above. Mr. Wagoner has the place in an excellent state of repair, well improved, a well equipped farm plant, and is carrying on his operations in up-to-date fashion. Mr. Wagoner is a Republican and has ever given a good citizen's attention to local civic affairs. He and his sister are members of the Methodist church and take a proper part in church activities. Mr. Wagoner is a charter member and past chancellor commander of the Blue Ridge lodge of the Knights of Pythias and has for years taken an active interest in the doings of the lodge.

OLIVER A. J. HALL, who has been a lifelong resident of Washington township, this county, still resides on the old family homestead and is engaged in farming and raising stock. Mr. Hall was born there August 24, 1856, a son of Aaron S. and Adeline (Ivins) Hall. His father was born in Fayette county, Indiana, one of the six children of Joseph Hall. Joseph Hall was the founder of the family in Rush county, coming here early and entering 160 acres from the Government. He developed his land and lived on it during the rest of his life. Aaron S. Hall grew up in Washington township, helped his father on the pioneer farm and subsequently owned it. He married Adeline Ivins, February 26, 1855, and they had four children, only one of whom survives. Oliver A. J. Hall attended the district schools in boyhood and was brought up to be a farmer. He married Serepta Eaton, who was born in Union county, Indiana, daughter of James and Elizabeth (Waddell) Eaton, and they have one son, Millard L. Mr. Hall is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Lewisville. He has been active in politics and has always done his full duty as a citizen, having served as township trustee for several years, his services covering the years 1895 to 1900 and 1908 to 1914.

JOHN L. ENGLISH, a prosperous farmer of this county, was born in Walker township, July 17, 1863, and has practically spent his life here. He is a son of John A. and Mahala (Plummer) English, the former of whom was born in Kentucky and the latter in Rush county. They had three children, Andrew F., Mary C. and John S. The father followed farming in Rush county and owned 109 acres of good land in Walker township. John L. English obtained his education in Walker township attending the Goddard school, after which he assisted his father on the home farm, where he remained until his own marriage, when he began farming the land on which he now resides. He has 105 acres of well improved land in Walker township, which he devotes to general farming and hog raising, shipping usually

two car loads of hogs annually. His different industries are carried on with good judgment and prove profitable. On August 10, 1892, Mr. English married Alice E. Mull, who also was born in Walker township, a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Jones) Mull. The father of Mrs. English was a large farmer in Walker township and an extensive landowner, at one time having 880 acres. Of his eight children, the following are living: Madeline, Omar, Chrissa, Alice, Nellie, Jacob and Earl. Mr. and Mrs. English have had five children, four of whom survive: Frank E., now a resident of Chicago, Ill., who married Leah Burnett; William, a farmer in Rushville township, this county, who married Gladys Hill; and Glorinne and Charles. In politics Mr. English and his sons are Democrats. Mr. English is a member of the local lodge of Odd Fellows at Homer.

FRANKLIN P. WAGONER, a well-known and substantial farmer of Orange township and who years ago was well known as a teacher in that township, was born in Rush county and has lived here all his life, now owning a part of the farm on which he was born in Orange township. The date of his birth was February 7, 1853, and his parents were William A. and Sally (Jones) Wagoner, the latter of whom also was born in this county, a member of one of the pioneer families here. William A. Wagoner was a Kentuckian, who came up here into Indiana with his parents in the days of his infancy. He was married here and early became engaged in farming in Orange county, where he became the owner of an excellent farm of 380 acres. There he and his wife spent their last days. They were the parents of four children, all of whom are still living, the subject of this sketch having two brothers, Hayden and Bracken, and a sister, Mary. Reared on the home farm in Orange township, Franklin P. Wagoner received his early schooling at the old Tombs school house and supplemented the course there by a course in the university at Valparaiso in which he prepared himself for the teaching profession and was for four years thereafter engaged during the winters in teaching in his home township. He married at the age of twenty-five and then began farming on his own account, looking after 100 acres, a part of which his father gave him and part of which he rented, and which tract is a part of the fine farm of 230 acres now owned by him and which he has improved in admirable shape, having one of the best equipped farm plants in that part of the township. In addition to his general farming Mr. Wagoner gives considerable attention to the raising of live stock and is doing well. In his political views Mr. Wagoner is a Democrat and gives proper attention to local civic affairs. For thirteen years he has been the Government crop official for Orange township. It was on March 17, 1878, that Franklin P. Wagoner was united in marriage to Rachel Jones, who also was born in Rush county, a daughter of Sheridan and Amanda (Peck) Jones, and to this union four children have been born, namely: Effie G., who married Glendon Brown, a farmer of Madison county, this state, and has five children, Verl, Dorothy, Nondus, Marjorie and Erfa; Pearl, who

married Edward Alexander, a farmer of Orange township, this county, and has five children, Bernice, Lowell, Loren, Velmah and Marie; May, who married Elmer Kirk, a farmer of Shelby county, this state, and has one child, a son, Ansel, and Inez, wife of Walter Reese, a Shelby county farmer.

GEORGE H. MEYER, a well known and substantial farmer of Union township, living now practically retired from the labors of the farm, the place being operated by his son, Charles G. Meyer, was born in Cincinnati, but has been a resident of Indiana since he was a boy and of this county since attaining his majority. He was born on January 6, 1852, son of Gerhardt and Hannah (Tripshank) Meyer, Europeans, born in the kingdom of Hanover, who had come to this country after their marriage and located in Cincinnati, where they remained until in 1863 when they came up into Indiana and located in Franklin county, where Gerhardt Meyer bought a farm and where he and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. It was on that farm in Franklin county where George H. Meyer grew to manhood, having been but eleven years of age when he came into Indiana with his parents from Cincinnati. He finished his schooling in the neighboring schools, and from boyhood was a useful assistant to his father in the labors of the farm, remaining with his father until he was twenty-one years of age, when he came over into Rush county, rented a farm in Union township and began farming "on his own." Thirteen years later he bought that farm, to the development of which he had done so much while operating it merely as a tenant. In the meantime he had married and established his home on the place and he thus has had that as a home ever since his marriage. Since coming into possession of the farm Mr. Meyer has made numerous substantial improvements to the same and has a well-improved and well-kept place of 178 acres. In addition to his general farming he has long made a considerable specialty of the raising of hogs and generally markets around 175 or 200 head of hogs a year. Of late Mr. Meyer has been living practically retired and his son, Charles G. Meyer, as noted above, has been directing the affairs of the farm and is carrying on the same in up-to-date fashion. It was in 1882 that George H. Meyer married Martha A. Peake, who was born in this county, daughter of Smith and Margaret (Gray) Peake, members of old families here, and to this union three sons have been born, namely: Charles G., mentioned above, who married Leila Hinchman and is living on the home place; Edwin G., who married Lena Gray and has two children, Robert E. and William C., and William H., who married Mary V. Peters and has two children, Walter Jesse and Martha May. The Meyers have a pleasant home on rural mail route No. 10 out of Rushville, and have for years taken a hospitable and genial interest in the social activities of their home neighborhood. All members of the family are members of the Plum Creek Christian church,

FAMILY OF MR. AND MRS. GEORGE H. MEYER

Reading from left to right—Edwin G. Meyer, Mrs. Edwin G. Meyer,
William Meyer, Mrs. William Meyer, Mrs. Charles G. Meyer, Charles

and have long taken an active interest in the work of the church as well as in the general good works of the community, helpful in many ways in promoting such movements as are designed for the common welfare. All members of the family also are Republicans and have ever thrown their strength to the cause of that party, to the further successes of which they are warmly devoted.

H. R. BROWN, a veterinary surgeon who has been engaged in the practice of his profession at Manilla for eight years, was born in the neighboring county of Shelby on March 2, 1882, a son of Thomas J. and America (Cotton) Brown, both of whom also were natives of Shelby county. After leaving Union township, Shelby county, Thomas J. Brown moved to Posey township, Rush county, where he is engaged in farming. Of his family of four children two survive, Rosa and H. R. In boyhood H. R. Brown attended school in Union township, Shelby county, following which he became a student in the high school at Manilla, and later, after determining his future profession, entered the Indiana Veterinary College, from which he was graduated in 1913. On leaving college he located at Manilla, where he has built up a substantial practice. On January 27, 1904, Doctor Brown married Susie Talbert, who also was born in Shelby county, daughter of Albert and Belle (Kemp) Talbert, whose family consisted of three children: Harry V., Rexie and Susie, the elder son being a dentist. The father of Mrs. Brown was a farmer in Shelby county. Doctor and Mrs. Brown have four children, America, Mary, Hugh and Earl, all attending school at Manilla. Doctor Brown is a member of the Indiana Veterinary Medical Association and keeps fully abreast of the times in scientific research. He is a Mason, belonging to blue lodge, chapter and council at Manilla, and is a member also of the order of Modern Woodmen at Manilla. In politics he has always been affiliated with the Democratic party. Doctor Brown and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Manilla.

WALTER H. KUHN, a well-known and progressive young farmer of Orange township, this county, was born in the neighboring county of Shelby, January 6, 1887, son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Kney) Kuhn, the later of whom was born in Rush county. Jacob Kuhn was born in Germany, but was but a child when he came to this country with his parents, the family settling in Indiana. He became the owner of a well improved farm of 300 acres in Shelby county and there spent his last days. He and his wife were the parents of ten children, all of whom are still living, those besides the subject of this sketch being Anna, Andrew, Edward, Albert, Katie, Robert, Riley, Leander and Bertha. Reared on the home farm in Shelby county, Walter H. Kuhn received his schooling in the schools of that county and early became engaged as a farmer. He married at the age of twenty-one and after his marriage rented a farm, a year later moving to the place he now owns in Orange township, this county, and has here made his home ever since. Mr. Kuhn has a well kept

farm of eighty acres and since coming into possession of the same has made numerous improvements, including the erection of a new house, the building of a new barn and the drilling of a gas well for his own use. It was on October 7, 1908, that Walter H. Kuhn was united in marriage to Bertha M. Gahimer, who was born in this county, daughter and only child of William, Jr., and Kathryn (Posz) Gahimer, and to this union six children have been born, Fern, Frances, Maurice, Irvin, Doris and Lois N., the three eldest of whom are now (1921) attending school at the Gahimer school house. Mr. Kuhn is a Republican and he and his wife are members of the Evangelical church in Shelby county.

EDWARD V. JACKSON, trustee of Washington township and a well-known farmer of that township, belongs to one of the old and substantial pioneer families of Rush county. He was born in Washington township on June 26, 1872, a son of William M. and Amanda (Sherry) Jackson. William M. Jackson also was born in Washington township, a son of John H. and Mahala (Hood) Jackson. John H. Jackson was four years old when he accompanied his father to Wayne county, Indiana, and later came to Rush county where his father entered 240 acres of land. John H. Jackson assisted his father in clearing this land and received from him 160 acres, after which he married Mahala Hood, who was born in Rush county. Three of their five children are still living, John, Eliza and William M. William M. Jackson became a farmer in Washington township. He married Amanda Sherry, who was born in Delaware county, Indiana, and they have five children, Edward V., Claude, Stella, Fred and Rozzie Beryl. Edward V. Jackson grew up on the home farm and attended the public schools. After marriage he rented a farm of 120 acres and operated it for four years, moving then to another farm in Washington township on which he lived two years, then moved into Raleigh, where he conducted a blacksmith shop until 1915. Since then he has been successfully operating his farm of forty acres in Washington township. On May 26, 1890, Mr. Jackson married Ola Miles, of Rush county, daughter of Richard S. and Jennie (Spencer) Miller, the former a pioneer of Washington township. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson have one child, Lorene, who is the wife of John L. Nipp, of Rushville. Mr. and Mrs. Nipp have a daughter, Eloise, who is six years old. Mr. Jackson has always been a sturdy Democrat, and on that party ticket was elected township trustee in 1915 and re-elected in 1919. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity.

EDSON L. AIKEN, a substantial citizen of Rush county, a former member of the board of county commissioners, a general farmer in Washington township, former trustee of that township, and interested along other business lines, was born near East Springfield, Ohio, January 5, 1861, a son of John and Martha (Trainor) Aiken. His father was a native of Ohio who, in 1862, settled in Allen county where he carried on the wagon-making trade for some years and afterward conducted a farm of 100 acres. Ten children were

born to his marriage with Martha Trainor, two of whom died in infancy, and Mrs. Minnie Beard later in life. Those surviving are: Mrs. Ida Shepler, James, Mrs. Jennie Wilson, Mrs. Ella Dixon, John H., Mrs. Anna Larimore, and Edson. Edson Aiken was an infant when the family settled in Allen county, Ohio, where he grew up and obtained his education in the public schools. For about seven years in early manhood, he worked in sawmills and operated a threshing machine. On April 3, 1889, when twenty-eight years old, he married Cora McCrory, who was born in Rush county, daughter of John and Martha (Brown) McCrory. For six years after his marriage Mr. Aiken operated a sawmill in Scott, Ohio, and then came to Rush county and purchased 157 acres of fine land, advantageously located adjacent to the town of Raleigh, in which town at the present Mr. Aiken is rebuilding a modern sawmill. He has very substantially improved his farm and it is among the valuable properties in the township. Mr. and Mrs. Aiken have two children, Cecil, formerly and for five years a teacher in Rush county, who married Orval Estell, of Oklahoma City, and has one child, William; and Milo, who was graduated in 1921 from the Raleigh high school. Mr. Aiken is a director in the Lewisville National Bank, and has other interests. He has been a leading factor in Democratic politics in Rush county for years and has frequently been called on to serve in public offiee. From 1900 to 1904 he was the trustee of Washington township, and in 1913-14-15 he was a member of the board of county commissioners. He is a charter member of Raleigh lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and is a Knight Templar.

JOHN R. DEARINGER, who owns and operates eighty-three acres of his father's homestead in Rushville township, was born in Walker township, this county, June 1, 1871, son of James M. and Minerva (Hilligoss) Dearinger, natives of Kentucky and Walker township, respectively. When he was seven years old James M. Dearinger was brought to Rush county by his parents who settled on a farm in Walker township now occupied by E. M. Dearinger, a brother of John R. Dearinger. James M. Dearinger continued to live on this farm until his death, but had acquired other land, owning at the time of his demise 320 acres of land. He and his wife had five children, four of whom survive, David M., Armilda G., John R. and D. M. Growing up in Walker township, John R. Dearinger attended the Goddard school, and then, after leaving school, began conducting the homestead, where he remained until his marriage. Following that he bought eighty acres of land in Posey township and farmed it for about three years, but then sold and moved back to his father's farm, renting a portion of it for three years. Since then Mr. Dearinger has bought and sold several farms, and then bought his present place from his father's estate, and here he is doing general farming and raises about 100 head of hogs annually. On August 9, 1893, Mr. Dearinger was married to Ida M., daughter of George W. and America A. (Louden) Krames. Mrs. Dearinger was born in

Walker township, but was educated in Rushville township, attending district school No. 9. Mr. and Mrs. Dearinger have one daughter, Elsie L., who was born in April, 1895. She married Claud Collings, of Scottsburg, Ind., but now of Rush county, where he is a sawmill operator. Mr. and Mrs. Collings have three children: Charles K., John W. and Jaunita M. Mr. Dearinger is a Democrat, and for three years served as road supervisor. Fraternally he belongs to Homer Lodge, No. 27, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Ivy Lodge, Knights of Pythias, at Rushville. He is a member of the Pleasant Ridge Methodist Episcopal Church.

WILLIAM P. AND ROBERT B. HENLEY, twin brothers and sons of Henry and Ruth (Morrow) Henley, were born at Carthage, in this county, August 11, 1846. They both attended Friends school at Carthage and Earlham College at Richmond, Ind., and each taught school one year. They then went into a general store at Carthage and were for about twenty years thereafter engaged in selling goods. In 1886 Robert B. Henley removed to Florida, where he spent about two years, at the end of which time he became engaged in the wholesale grocery business at Cincinnati, a connection which continued for about twenty-five years. Since then he has spent his time about equally between his residence in Cincinnati and his residence in Florida, his summers being spent in the former and his winters in the latter. William P. Henley, who is now the only survivor of the original stockholders of the Bank of Carthage, organized in 1876, began his active connection with that bank as bookkeeper in 1888. He presently was advanced to the position of cashier of the bank and since 1903 has been president of the same. He has been a member of the financial board of Earlham College since 1890, and treasurer of the college endowment and trust funds since 1908, and was a member of the board of trustees of the Carthage joint graded schools for about thirty years. The twin brothers, William P. and Robert B. Henley, married sisters, Ida S. and Florence E. Steere, of Adrian, Mich., daughters of Benjamin W. and Emily (Hoag) Steere. To William P. and Ida S. (Steere) Henley, who were married on October 18, 1876, five children have been born, namely: Florence Ruth, who married Dr. M. N. Hadley, of Indianapolis, and has three children, Frederic, William and David; Lillian E., unmarried, who is the editorial secretary of the National Municipal League, New York City; Howard E., cashier of the Bank of Carthage, who married Willella Woodbridge and has three children, Howard Earle, Maria and James; Robert M. and Henry B. (twins), both of whom are florists, the former located at Hartford City and the latter at Terre Haute. Robert M. Henley married Mary Kenworthy, of Richmond, Ind., and has two children, Marian and William R. Henry B. Henley married Katherine Newsom, of Carthage. William P. Henley and Robert B. Henley are both birthright members

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of the Friends church and are thorough believers in its teachings. William P. Henley all his life has lived in Carthage. His twin brother, Robert B. Henley, has three daughters, Grace, who is unmarried and at home with her parents; Ruth, who married W. P. Kirk, of Cincinnati, and has three children, and Edith, who married Arthur C. Judd, of New York City, and has three children.

GEORGE M. KUHN, a well-known farmer of Orange township, this county, was born on the farm where he is now living with his mother, his brother and three sisters, and has lived there all his life, ever attentive to the affairs of the farm which he has helped to operate since the days of his boyhood. He was born on September 15, 1876, son of Conrad and Mary (Kney) Kuhn, the latter of whom also was born in this county and is still living, as noted above. Conrad Kuhn was born in Germany and when a lad came to this country with his parents, the family locating in Indiana, where he grew to manhood and in time became a substantial farmer of Orange township, this county, the owner of a well kept farm of 320 acres on which his last days were spent and on which his widow is still making her home. He and his wife were the parents of eight children, of whom six are still living, those besides the subject of this sketch being Caroline, Rose, Mollie, Henry and Jacob. Reared on the farm here referred to, George M. Kuhn received his schooling in district school No. 2 and from the days of his boyhood was a valued assistant to his father in the labors of the farm, working with his father until the latter's death and after that taking supervisory charge of the farm in behalf of his mother and has so continued, his brother Henry and his three sisters, all unmarried, also making their home there, the family unity thus being preserved in an unusual degree. In addition to looking after the home farm, a well improved place of 200 acres, Mr. Kuhn at one time was the owner of a "forty" of his own in Orange township. In addition to his general farming he gives proper attention to the raising of live stock and is doing well. The Kuhn family are members of the Evangelical church in the neighboring county of Shelby and have ever taken an interested part in church work. Mr. Kuhn is a Democrat. Fraternally, he is affiliated with Blue Ridge Lodge, No. 554, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is past noble grand of the lodge. He also is a member of Blue Ridge Lodge, No. 473, Knights of Pythias, and has likewise been "through the chairs" in that lodge, having for years given close attention to the affairs of these popular fraternal orders.

PHILIP S. RYMAN, who has followed farming as a business since reaching mature years, is now very comfortably settled in Washington township, this county. He was born in Franklin county, Indiana, September 14, 1873, a son of Alanson R. and Jane (Crawford) Ryman, the latter of whom also was born in Franklin county, and the former in Pennsylvania. Alanson R. Ryman came to Brookville, Ind., with his parents, Joseph and Mary (Warden) Ryman, the latter of whom was a descendant of General Warden of Revolu-

tionary fame. Alanson R. Ryman was a veteran officer of the Civil war. He enlisted early in the Union army and proved a brave soldier. He was wounded at the battle of Chickamauga and after that was made aid-de-camp on the staff of General Thomas. After the war he returned to agricultural pursuits and engaged in farming for a number of years in Franklin county. Just before entering the army he married Jane Crawford and they had six children: John C., George, Mrs. Carrie W. Stant, Wilbur, Philip S. and Charles A. Philip S. Ryman obtained his education in the public schools of Franklin county and afterward assisted his father and then he and his brother, C. A. Ryman, bought 165 acres of land in Fayette county, which they operated for four years. In the meanwhile on August 25, 1909, Philip S. Ryman married Louise Shockley, who was born in Ohio, a daughter of Rev. H. M. and Nannie (May) Shockley. He then sold his interest in the Fayette county farm to his brother and moved to Washington township, Rush county, where he purchased 120 acres of land and engaged in farming there for some years. The present home farm in Washington township contains 160 acres and is owned by Mrs. Ryman. It is fertile land well adapted to grain and hay, and under Mr. Ryman's careful management is profitably productive. Mr. and Mrs. Ryman have two children, Richard and Lorena, both of whom are attending school. The family belongs to the Presbyterian church. As a good citizen, Mr. Ryman is interested in all that concerns his country afar as well as in his home neighborhood and in politics is a Republican. Mrs. Ryman is a granddaughter of Jeremiah May, a pioneer of Washington township. Her father, the Rev. H. M. Shockley, was a native of Delaware.

ELBERT C. DAVISON, one of the agriculturists of Rushville township who is specializing on hog raising and is succeeding in making his work yield him a fair profit, was born in Noble township, this county, October 25, 1874, son of John and Isabelle M. (Guffin) Davison, both natives of Noble township, where they were reared, educated and married. John Davison spent his life in farming, became the owner of 218 acres of land in Noble township, and was one of the well known men of his day and locality. He and his wife had four children, three of whom survive: John A., Harry and Elbert C. Elbert C. Davison attended the Frog Pond school in Noble township and remained with his father until his marriage. He then began farming for himself on a farm of 126 acres in Anderson township, on which he spent five and one-half years, and then moved to his present farm of 257½ acres known as the Moore farm, and in conjunction with this property Mr. Davison also operates the 115-acre farm which he rents from his father-in-law. He is a general farmer and stockraiser and produces from 250 to 300 head of hogs annually, preferring the Duroc-Jersey strain. On August 21, 1895, Mr. Davison was married to Elsie, daughter of Albert and Mary E. (Moore) Winship, formerly farming people of Rushville township. Mrs. Davison was born in Rushville township and was educated in

the public schools of Rushville. Mr. and Mrs. Davison have two children: Paul, who married Ruby Gwinnip, a farmer of Rushville township and has one child, Paul, Jr., and Laurence, who is attending the Webb school. Mr. Davison belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Pythias lodges of Rushville. He is an active member of Little Flat Rock Christian Church and his wife of the Methodist Episcopal church. The Republican party has always had Mr. Davison's support, but he has never cared to participate actively in politics.

GEORGE NEEB, a well-known farmer of Orange township, this county, was born on a farm in Union township, in the neighboring county of Shelby, December 2, 1886, son of Henry and Josephine (Friday) Neeb, both of whom were born in that same county. Henry Neeb followed farming all his life and was the owner of a farm of seventy acres. He and his wife were the parents of ten children, all of whom are still living, those besides the subject of this sketch being John, Jacob, William, Peter, Margaret, May, Lucy, Elizabeth and Barbara. Reared on the home farm in Shelby county, George Neeb received his schooling in the schools of that neighborhood and at seventeen years of age began working at the carpenter trade, a vocation he followed for three years, at the end of which time he returned to the home farm and was there engaged for two years in operating the place. He then continued farm work elsewhere until his marriage in 1910 when he rented a farm in Shelby county and began farming on his own account. Some years later he came over into Rush county and has since resided here, now and for some time past occupant and renter of the Bellman place in Orange township, a farm of 103 acres, on which he is doing well, carrying on his farming operations in up-to-date fashion, and in addition to his general farming giving considerable attention to the raising of live stock. It was on February 22, 1910, that George Neeb was united in marriage to Leona Jackson, who also was born and reared in Shelby county, daughter of Andrew and Catherine (Main) Jackson, and to this union one child has been born, a daughter, Ethel M. Mrs. Neeb's parents had three children, Mrs. Neeb having a sister, Ethel, and a brother, Amos Jackson. Mr. and Mrs. Neeb are members of the Methodist church and take a proper interest in church work as well as in the general good works of their home neighborhood. Mr. Neeb is a Democrat. In his fraternal relations he is affiliated with Blue Ridge lodge, No. 554, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in the affairs of which he has for years taken an active interest, and is past noble grand of the lodge.

THOMAS H. ERTEL, who is a representative of one of the old pioneer families of Rush county, has successfully followed farming and stockraising ever since he reached manhood. He was born in Washington township, this county, April 20, 1874, a son of Philip and Mary (Burnau) Ertel. Philip Ertel was born in the city of Philadelphia and in boyhood came to Indiana with his parents, Philip and Mary (Ludy) Ertel, the family settling in Rush county. Philip Ertel,

Sr., was born in Germany and was a young man when he came to the United States. He was married in Philadelphia and some years later came with his family to Indiana and entered eighty acres of land in Washington township, Rush county. Here he followed farming and stock raising and also, for a time, operated a cordage mill in Union township. He and his wife had four children, Philip, George, Elizabeth and Charles. Philip Ertel, the second, attended school in Washington township and early showed business capacity that led to his being engaged as a commercial traveler by a Philadelphia firm. After he returned to Washington township he acquired land and sold lumber for the next ten years, then settled down to farming and stock raising on the farm that is now owned by Mrs. G. Abernathy. He married Mary Burnau, of New Paris, O., and they had five children: Thomas H., Mary, Charles, all living, and George and Ida, deceased. The family has always been held in high regard in Washington township. Thomas H. Ertel was educated at Newcastle, Ind. From his father's estate he inherited 193 2-3 acres of land in Washington township, the same farm on which he lives, to which he has added until he now owns 260 acres of exceedingly valuable land. He grows grain and produce and gives considerable attention to stock. On May 31, 1900, he married Eva Hinchman, who was born in Rush count, and they have had two children, William H., who is a student in the high school at Raleigh; and Wayne W., who is deceased. Mr. Ertel and family are members of the Plum Creek Christian Church. For many years he has been identified with the Masonic fraternity, is a Knight Templar, has attained the thirty-second degree in Masonry, and also is a noble of the Mystic Shrine. Politically he is a Republican.

FRED B. BELL, one of Union township's progressive and enterprising farmers and substantial landowners and president of the Rush County Farmers' Federation since its organization, is a member of one of the real pioneer families of Rush county, the Bells having been represented here for the past hundred years. The first of the family to settle here were John and Margaret Bell, who came up here from Cynthiana, Ky., in pioneer days and entered a tract of land in Center township, a place still known as the old Bell homestead. They established their home there and became early recognized as among the most useful and influential pioneers of that section. John Bell was a good judge of land values, and as his affairs here prospered added to his holdings until he became the owner of about 1,000 acres of land in Rush county, and left a fine estate to be divided among his children. He and his wife were the parents of eleven children, only one of whom is now living, Joseph Bell. The others were Hugh, John M., W. C., Samuel J., Jane, Charity, Nancy, Mary and two who died in infancy. Of the children of this pioneer pair here enumerated, W. C. Bell, father of Fred Bell, was born on that pioneer farm in Center township on

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December 12, 1833, and there grew to manhood. He received his early schooling in the neighborhood school and supplemented this by attendance at Fairview Academy and in the normal school at Danville, Ind. For several years he was engaged during the winters in teaching in the schools of his home neighborhood, teaching at the Hinchman and Scott schoolhouses, and after his marriage at the age of twenty-six, became engaged in the lumber business in Union township. This business grew to such an extent that he found it necessary to arrange a more central headquarters and he moved to Rushville, which city thereafter was the base of his extensive lumber activities, his interests expanding to cover a wide territory, particularly in the South, with offices at Indianapolis, St. Louis and Memphis. Upon his retirement from actual business he returned to Rushville, where he spent his last days, his death occurring there in 1910. W. C. Bell was twice married. In 1858 he was united in marriage to Nancy Smelser, who also was born in this county, a member of one of the pioneer families, and to that union one child was born, a son, O. P. Bell, now deceased. Mrs. Nancy Bell died and in 1875 Mr. Bell married Sarah Barnes, who also was born in Rush county, a member of one of the old families of Noble township, and to this union were born two children, both still living, Mrs. Edith R. Pratt and Fred Bell. Fred Bell was born on January 7, 1879, at Indianapolis, during the time of his father's temporary residence in the state capital while looking after the extension of his growing lumber interests. The family later lived at St. Louis and at Memphis, W. C. Bell's lumber interests in the South for some years requiring his residence there, and it was in the latter city that Fred Bell received his early schooling, going on through the high school. This he supplemented by a course at Graham Academy, Rushville, and then became engaged with his father in the lumber business, continuing thus engaged until after his marriage in the spring of 1900. In 1904 he established his home on a eighty-acre farm in Union township, this county, the place on which he is still living and where he and his family are very comfortably situated. Since taking possession of that small farm Mr. Bell has gradually extended his land holdings until now he is the owner of a fine farm of 350 acres, which he has improved in excellent shape, having one of the best farm plants in that part of the county. Mr. Bell is an extensive hog feeder, feeding off from 1,000 to 1,500 head a year. He was the first man in Rush county to ship a train load of hogs in one shipment, taking a special train on the L. E. & W. railroad. That was in 1912, and his hogs brought almost the record price for that year. When the Rush County Farmers' Federation was organized Mr. Bell was elected first president of the same, and has since continued to act in that capacity, doing much for the cause. It was on May 15, 1900, that Fred Bell was united in marriage to Nancy Sharp, who was born in Scott

county, Kentucky, daughter of Alfred C. and Mary (Whitton) Sharp, both of whom were born in Kentucky, and further mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume, and to this union two children have been born, Russell W. and Margaret Ann, both of whom are at home with their parents. The Bells have a very pleasant home on rural mail route No. 7 out of Rushville, and have long taken an interested and hospitable part in the general social activities of their home neighborhood. Mr. Bell is a York Rite Mason, and is also a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, affiliated with Murat Temple at Indianapolis. He also is a member of the Rushville Rotary Club and of the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and in the affairs of all of these organizations takes an active interest. In his political views he is a Republican and has ever taken a good citizen's interest in local civic affairs.

JAMES T. THRALL, a well-known farmer and live stock breeder of Orange township, for many years gave particular attention to the breeding of horses and in that line became widely known among the farmers and horsemen hereabout, and was also well known among the exhibitors at the horse shows at the state and county fairs. Of late years he has given more particular attention to the breeding of big type Poland China hogs and in that line has done much to raise the standard of this valuable type of swine throughout this region. Mr. Thrall was born over in the neighboring county of Shelby, but had the good judgment to marry a Rush county girl and take up his residence in this county and thus has for many years counted himself as of Rush county, doing well his part in the general development of that section of the county in which he has long resided. He was born on a farm in Liberty township, Shelby county, July 5, 1858, son of Richard and Verlinda C. (Worland) Thrall, both of whom also were born in that county, members of pioneer families there and who were the parents of three children, of whom Mr. Thrall alone now survives, he having had a brother, William M. Thrall, and a sister, Catherine. James T. Thrall was reared in Shelby county and there received his schooling. As a lad he made his home with his uncle, Celestian Worland, working for the latter until he reached his majority. When twenty-three years of age he married and established his home on a farm of about forty acres belonging to his father-in-law, William A. Wagoner, in Orange township, this county, and has since been a resident of this county. For twenty years or more after beginning operations on his own behalf Mr. Thrall was extensively engaged in the breeding of horses on his farm and during that time did much to raise the standard of farm horses hereabout. He was the first man in this section to import a stallion of the heavy "coach" type, an animal that attracted much attention in its day here, and was widely exhibited. Mr. Thrall for years kept up exhibits of his horses at county fairs in this section and at the state fair and became

widely known among horsemen throughout the state. Of late years, as noted above, he has been giving his attention to the breeding of Poland China hogs of the big type and is also doing well in that line, his breeding pens attracting much attention. From 1912 to 1917 Mr. Thrall conducted annual hog sales which were largely attended. He is now living on a well kept farm of 100 acres which was inherited by his wife and is continuing to supervise the operations of the same. He has an admirably equipped farm plant and he and his family are very comfortably situated. In his political views Mr. Thrall is a Democrat. Mrs. Thrall is a member of the Methodist church. It was on November 8, 1881, that James T. Thrall was united in marriage to Mary E. Wagoner, who was born in Orange township, this county, daughter of William A. and Sally (Jones) Wagoner, the latter of whom also was born in Rush county, a member of one of the pioneer families here. William A. Wagoner was born in Kentucky and was but a lad when he came up into Indiana with his parents, the family settling in Rush county, where William A. Wagoner grew to manhood and was married. He became the owner of an excellent farm in Orange township and was for years regarded as among the useful and influential citizens of that part of the county. He and his wife had four children, Mrs. Thrall having three brothers, Hayden and Bracken and Franklin P. Wagoner. To James T. and Mary E. (Wagoner) Thrall four children have been born, namely: Mabel, who married Bert Alter, a farmer of Orange township, and has three children, Acil, Agatha and Marcella; Curtis, who is farming in Walker township and who married Oma Land and has had six children, Kyle, William, Maurice and Marjorie, and two that died in infancy; Vasco, now living at Beach Grove, near Indianapolis, where he is employe in the Big Four railroad shops, and who married Sarah Meal and has two children, Lois E. and Merle J., and Leila, who married Samuel Heiner, a farmer of Anderson township, and has two children, Richard and Helen C.

PETER NICKEL, a substantial farmer of Walker township, this county, was born on April 22, 1864, in Ripley township, Ripley county, Indiana. He is a son of Peter and Catherine (Graf) Nickel, both of whom were born in Germany but were married in the United States. The father followed farming first in Franklin county, Indiana, but after marriage he and wife removed to Ripley county and there they spent the rest of their lives as farming people. Of their family of seven children the following are living: Philip, Lewis, Susie, Mary, Louise and Peter. Peter Nickel, Jr., attended school in his native county and later came to Rush county. Here he began to work on farms by the month and so continued until his marriage, following which he rented land for eleven years before buying his valuable farm of eighty acres in Walker township. Mr. Nickel has a fine place here, with his own water plant, a modern utility in line with his progressive ideas. His surroundings show thrift and comfort, Mr. Nickel having erected a commodious dwelling with modern

improvements, and rebuilt and remodeled the barn in a substantial manner. In addition to doing general farming he ships 100 head of hogs yearly. On July 30, 1892, Mr. Nickel married Pearl Shinkle, who was born in Madison county, Indiana, daughter and only child of Andrew and Mary A. Shinkle, both of that county. To Mr. and Mrs. Nickel six children have been born, five of whom are living: Donald C., a farmer in Walker township, who married Esther Rainey and has three children, Mary E., Ella M. and Evelyn; Frank L., a machinist living at Manilla, where he is engaged in the garage business, who married Hattie Taylor; May B., who married Clarence C. Craven, a farmer in Ripley county, and Clyde C. and Carl L., both of whom are at home. Their first born, Ralph, died in infancy. Mr. Nickel and his family are members of the Christian church at Homer. A strong advocate of national temperance, Mr. Nickel has voted with the Prohibition party for many years.

ALFRED C. SHARP, a well known and substantial farmer and landowner of Union township, is a native of the old Blue Grass state, but has been a resident of Rush county since the days of his young manhood and has thus for many years regarded himself as wholly belonging here. He was born on a farm in Scott county, Kentucky, December 20, 1856, son of Leonard and Mary Sharp, both of whom were born in that same county, members of pioneer families there, and who were the parents of nine children, those besides the subject of this sketch being Adeline, Perlina, John, James, James Garrett, William, Melvina and Sallie. Reared on the home farm in Kentucky, Alfred C. Sharp received his schooling in the schools of his home neighborhood and was early trained in the ways of farming. He married at the age of twenty-four, and then began farming on his own account, remaining in Kentucky thus engaged for two years, at the end of which time he came up into Indiana with his family and located in Rush county, working as a farm hand in Rushville township for three years while he was "getting the lay of the land." He then rented an eighty-acre farm in Rushville township, but in the following year moved to Noble township, where he rented a farm of 160 acres in the Orange neighborhood, and on this latter place made his home for seven years, at the end of which time he moved to the Sexton neighborhood in Center township, where he rented a farm of 320 acres. Two years later he secured the rental of a farm of 455 acres east of Rushville and moved to that place, remaining there for nine years, during which time he purchased a farm of 120 acres in Union township as an investment, renting the same. A little more than twelve years ago Mr. Sharp moved onto this latter place, his own farm, and has since resided there. During this time he has made numerous substantial improvements on the place, erecting a new house and several other buildings, including an additional dwelling house, and has the place in strictly ship-shape form, improved in up-to-date

Four Generations of Sharp Family: Left to right—Mrs. Nannie (Sharp) Bell, Russell Bell, Mrs. Mary (Butler) Sharp, Alfred C. Sharp

fashion, and his farm plant is one of the best in the neighborhood. In addition to his general farming Mr. Sharp has long given considerable attention to the raising of live stock and feeds about 150 hogs a year, doing quite well in his operations. Alfred C. Sharp has been twice married. At the age of twenty-four, as noted above, he married, in Kentucky, Mary Whitton, who was born in Scott county, that state, a daughter of R. K. and Nancy J. Whitton, and to that union seven children were born, Nancy, James, Robert, Walter and Alfred, who are living, and Mary and Verne, deceased. The mother of these children died in 1899, and in 1900 Mr. Sharp married Josephine Whitton, his deceased wife's sister. Of the surviving children of Alfred C. and Mary (Whitton) Sharp all are married save Walter, who is now residing in Canada. Nancy Sharp married Fred Bell, of Union township, this county, and has two children, Russell and Margaret. James Sharp married Anna Youngston, and is now living in South Dakota. Robert Sharp married Luella Bittner and has six children, Harold, Jeanette, Frances, Helen, Alfred and Robert. Alfred Sharp married Bessie Rogers and is running his father's farm. Mr. and Mrs. Sharp have a pleasant home on rural mail route No. 7 out of Rushville, and have ever taken an interested and hospitable part in the general social activities of their neighborhood, helpful in advancing and promoting the community interest.

J. B. ERTEL, a representative citizen and enterprising farmer of Washington township, this county, was born in that township, December 4, 1882, a son of Charles and Rowena (Houston) Ertel, and a grandson of Philip and Mary (Ludy) Ertel, natives of Germany. When they came to the United States they settled in the city of Philadelphia and there the grandfather engaged in the milling business, later coming to Rush county. They had four children: Charles, Philip, Elizabeth and George. Charles Ertel was born in Philadelphia and was an infant when his parents brought him to Rush county. He was reared and attended school in Union township, and assisted his father until twenty-three years old, at which time he married and began farming for himself. He bought eighty acres of land to which his father added eighty acres, and for many years this farm of 160 acres engaged his main attention. He was an honorable, upright man and industrious and practical farmer. To his first marriage to Priscilla David, three children were born, Silas Marion, Mrs. Harvina Cockran and Lewis, who died aged two years. His second marriage was to Rowena Houston, who was born at Lancaster, O., and they had nine children, four sons and five daughters: Leota, John P., Nettie, Charles D., Ida M., George F., Lucy M., Pinnah E. and Joseph Benjamin. Leota married S. L. Newhouse of Rush county; Nettie married Albert McMillan, of Madison county; Ida M. married Curtha Wagner of Rush county; Lucy M. married Walter G. Carson of Rush county; and Pinnah Elizabeth married William M. Sprong of

Madison county. Charles D. married Marie Cummins, and lives in Wild county, Colorado. George married Bessie Jane Donovant. They live in Rush county. John P. is a widower who had married two times. Joseph B. Ertel obtained his education in the public schools of Washington township and then assisted his father on the home farm until he was twenty-one years old, at which time in recognition of his help, his father gave him a farm of eighty acres. Mr. Ertel has his land under a fine state of cultivation, does general farming and feeds 100 head of hogs a year, attending carefully to his business and making his undertakings profitable. On October 19, 1902, he married Fannie E. Overhiser, who was born in Fayette county, Indiana, daughter of Willard B. and Elizabeth (Kemmer) Overhiser, and they have two children, Ruby E. and Gertrude R., both of whom are attending school. Mr. and Mrs. Ertel are members of the Plum Creek Christian Church, while the children are members of the Christian church at Raleigh. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity, a member of the Blue lodge at Raleigh, and politically is a Republican.

ALBERT REED, a well known and progressive young farmer of Orange township, was born in Sugar Creek township, in the neighboring county of Shelby on January 6, 1886, son of Francis and Matilda (Alexander) Reed, both of whom were born in Indiana. Francis Reed was a farmer and followed that vocation all his life in Shelby and Rush counties. He and his wife were the parents of six children, of whom five are still living, those besides the subject of this sketch being George H., Frank C., Andrew J. and Nellie M. Reared on the farm, Albert Reed completed his schooling at Gowdy and from the days of his boyhood has been a farmer. He remained at home, working with his father until his marriage at the age of twenty-one when he rented a farm in Orange township, this county, and started out "on his own." For six years he rented and then he bought a farm of eighty acres in Orange township and there made his home for two years, at the end of which time he sold that place and bought the "eighty" on which he is now living in that same township. Since taking up his residence on this latter place Mr. Reed has made numerous substantial improvements to the place, including the erection of a silo, and is carrying on his farm operations in strictly up-to-date fashion. In addition to his general farming he gives considerable attention to the raising of live stock, feeding about 150 head of hogs annually and fifteen or twenty head of cattle, and is doing well, getting around him a very well equipped farm plant. Mr. Reed has been twice married. On November 3, 1907, he was united in marriage to Hazel Vernon, who was born in this county, daughter of John and Florence (Harcourt) Vernon, and who died on August 11, 1913, and is buried in the McCarty cemetery. On October 19, 1915, Mr. Reed married Ollie Alter, who also was born in this county, daughter of David and Margaret (Brookbank) Alter, members of old families in Rush county, and to this union one child has been born, a daughter, Mary Marjorie, born on January 7, 1920. Mr. and Mrs. Reed are

members of the Methodist church at Gowdy and take an interested part in church work as well as in the general good works and social activities of their home neighborhood. Mr. Reed is a member of Blue Ridge lodge, No. 554, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In his political views he is a Democrat. The Reeds have a pleasant home on rural mail route No. 4 out of Rushville.

ORPHEUS M. HARTON, one of the substantial farmers of Rushville township, is one of the representative men of Rush county, where his family has been established for a long period. He was born in Richland township, November 27, 1867, son of Joseph and Emily (Brooks) Harton, both of whom were also born in Rush county, where they became farming people. Joseph Harton was also a trader, and became a man of means, owning at one time 300 acres of land in Rush county. He and his wife had seven children, namely: William E., Charles H., Orpheus M., Clara, Margaret, Ida, and Olive. Orpheus M. Harton attended the common schools of Anderson township, and after he had completed his studies began farming with his father, remaining at home until his marriage. Following that event he rented the homestead and continued to conduct it until 1912, when he bought eighty acres in Rushville township, his present farm. Since then he has improved the place in every way and his buildings, fences and premises reflect credit on his efficiency and show that he is a good manager and takes a pride in having everything in first class order. Here he carries on general farming and stockraising, producing about 200 head of hogs annually. October 16, 1889, Mr. Harton married Ella, daughter of George W. and Nancy C. (McNeal) Poston, both of whom were born in Rush county, which was also the birthplace of Mrs. Harton. Mr. and Mrs. Poston became the parents of five children, three of whom survive; Stella, Elizabeth and Ella. Quincy and Sanford are deceased. Mr. Harton belongs to the Milroy lodge, Knights of Pythias; Rushville lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Phoenix lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Rushville commandery, Knights Templar; and Murat Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Indianapolis. For many years he has been a member of the Christian church of Rushville. In politics he is a Republican, but aside from exercising his right of suffrage, has not been very active in local affairs.

SAMUEL B. ANDERSON, one of the leading farmers and stockraisers of Rushville township, was born in Richland township, this county, September 29, 1857, son of James W. and Livonia (Hopkins) Anderson, both of whom were born in Decatur county, Indiana. The parents of James W. Anderson died when he was about five years old and he was taken by his uncle, William Anderson, with whom he lived until his marriage which took place about the time he reached his majority. With his bride he came to Rush county and settled on 190 acres of land in Richland township that his guardian had bought for him and his brother John from the proceeds of their father's estate. When he came here this land was all covered with timber,

which he removed, placed the land under cultivation and added more to his holdings, at one time owning about 2,000 acres in different parts of the county. He and his wife had six children of whom four now survive, namely: Mary, Lyle, James W. and Samuel B. Samuel B. Anderson was reared in Richland township, where he attended school and made himself useful to his father on the homestead. Following his marriage he worked for his father until the death of the latter, when he moved on to a farm of his own containing 250 acres in Richland township that he had previously bought. This continued to be his homestead for ten years, but he then sold it and bought a part of his present home farm. His first purchase was of 270 acres in Rushville township, but he has since added 177 acres to it, and has one of the finest farms in the township. Since he moved onto his farm he has made many improvements, and is planning others and takes great pride in his property. On March 4, 1884, Mr. Anderson was married to Lola, daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Thomas) Bartlett. Mrs. Anderson was born, reared and educated in Rush county, where her father was a prosperous farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson became the parents of children as follows: Bernice, who married Alfred Senour, superintendent of the graded schools of Indiana Harbor, Ind.; Samuel, who married Grace Megee and has two children, Richard and Amelia E., and is a farmer renting 320 acres of land in Decatur county; Jessie, Mary and Lucian, all of whom are unmarried, and Esther, graduate of DePauw University, of the class of 1921. Mr. Anderson is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Rushville. He is a Republican but does not participate very actively in politics.

O. P. MORTON HINCHMAN, one of the well known and substantial farmers and landowners of Union township, was born on the place on which he is now living and has lived there most of his life. He was born on November 8, 1863, son of James H. and Anna (Saxton) Hinchman, the latter of whom, now living at Rushville, was born in the neighboring county of Fayette, a member of one of the pioneer families there. James H. Hinchman, who died in 1912, was a member of the pioneer Hinchman family of Rush county, numerous representatives of which are found here in the present generation, and was born in the old Hinchman settlement, which was grouped about the old Stringtown church. He grew up as a farmer in this county, and in time became the owner of the farm now owned by his son, Morton, where he continued actively engaged in farming until his retirement from the farm and removal to Rushville, where, as noted above, he died in 1912, and where his widow is still living. James H. Hinchman and wife were the parents of four children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the first born, the others being J. Gurney, who married Clara Kirkpatrick; Delta, who is living in Rushville with his mother, and Oscar, who was killed at the age of thirteen years by the explosion of a

Hinchman Family: Left to right—O. P. Morton Hinchman, Bethel Hinchman, Mrs. O. P. Morton Hinchman, Mrs. Leila (Hinchman) Meyer

sawmill at Sexton, this county. Reared on the home farm in Union township, O. P. Morton Hinchman received his schooling in the old Black schoolhouse, and from the days of his boyhood was an assistant to his father in the labors of the farm. He married at the age of nineteen years and about a year later rented a farm in the neighborhood and began operations on his own account, continuing thus engaged as a renter for about ten years, at the end of which time, in 1910, he bought his father's farm and has since made his home there, he and his family being very comfortably situated. On November 15, 1882, O. P. Morton Hinchman was united in marriage to Ann Eliza Kirkpatrick, who also was born in this county, daughter of James W. and Lucinda Kirkpatrick, members of old pioneer families here, and to this union two children have been born, a daughter, Leila, who married Charles G. Meyer, and Bethel, who is at home, a valued assistant to his father on the farm. Mr. and Mrs. Hinchman are members of the Plum Creek Christian church, and have ever taken an interested part in church work. Politically, Mr. Hinchman is a Republican. The Hinchmans have a pleasant home on rural mail route No. 7 on the state highway out of Rushville, and have long been hospitably interested in the community's general social activities.

CYRUS HILLIGOSS, a well-known general farmer and stock-raiser in Orange township, was born in Walker township, this county, June 18, 1865, a son of Sylvester and Jane (Mull) Hilligoss, both of whom were born in Walker township. The father of Mr. Hilligoss was a successful farmer and acquired 440 acres of land in Walker and Orange townships. He had four children, two of whom are living, Frederick and Cyrus. Cyrus Hilligoss obtained his education in the district school near his father's farm. He early began to help his father on the home place and when he married he rented land from his father and has continued on the same farm until the present. He carries on a general line of farming and raises about 100 head of hogs yearly. Mr. Hilligoss has been twice married. By his union with Emma Alter, who was a daughter of Abraham and Hulda (Willey) Alter, of this county, he has one child, a son, Claude Hilligoss. On June 18, 1910, Mr. Hilligoss married, secondly, Lillian Burton, who was born in Rush county, daughter of Edward and Elizabeth (Collins) Burton. Mrs. Hilligoss has two sisters, Mary and Nellie. Mr. and Mrs. Hilligoss have two children: Juanita L. and Cyrus C. Mr. Hilligoss and his family belong to the Big Flat Rock Christian Church. Politically he is a Democrat and fraternally is a member of the order of Red Men at Arlington, and of the Odd Fellows at Homer.

JOSEPH H. SCHOLL, superintendent of schools at Rushville and for many years one of the most active and influential factors in the elevation of educational standards in Rush county, is a native son of Indiana and has been a resident of this state all his life. For more than a quarter of a century continually he has been devoted to the

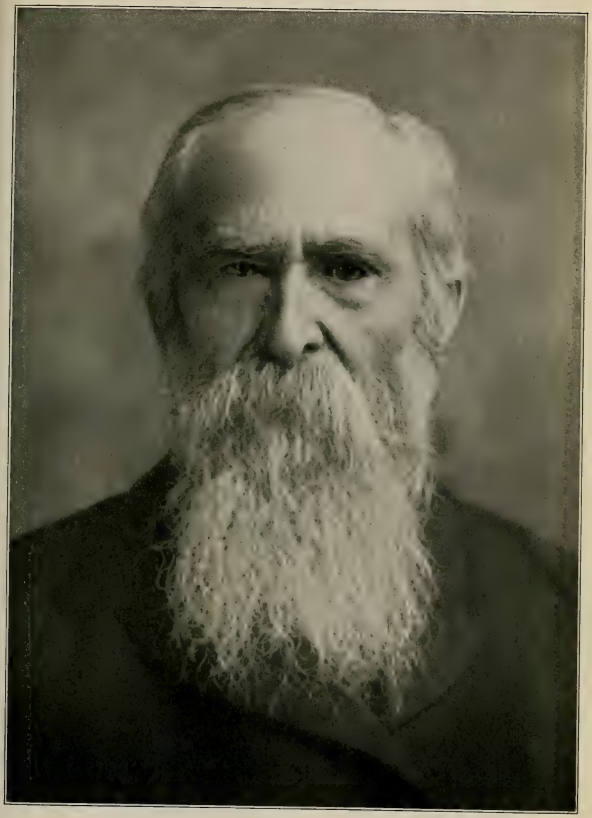
teaching profession and in that period has done much to promote the cause of education hereabout. Mr. Scholl was born in the neighboring county of Fayette on February 13, 1865, third in order of birth of the five children born to his parents, David and Mary (Job) Scholl, both of whom also were natives of the Hoosier state, members of pioneer families in this section of Indiana. David Scholl was born in Fayette county, a son of John Scholl, a substantial pioneer farmer of that county. Reared to the life of the farm he continued that vocation upon reaching manhood's estate and became a successful farmer, continuing thus engaged until his death, which occurred in 1898. His widow survived him for about eight years, her death occurring in 1906. Of their five children all are living save one, a daughter, Ella, those besides the subject of this sketch being Lewis, a well-to-do farmer of Fayette county, this state; Henry, now a resident of Tacoma, Wash., and Iva, wife of George Jenkins, of Fayette county. Reared on the home farm in Fayette county, Joseph H. Scholl received his early schooling in the common schools of his home neighborhood and early became inclined to the teaching profession. After some years of practical experience as a teacher in the district schools of his home county Mr. Scholl entered the Indiana State Normal School at Terre Haute and was graduated from that institution in 1893. He served for a year, 1893-94, as principal at Brownsburg, Ind. In the following year, 1894, he was made superintendent of the schools at Milton and continued thus engaged for three years. In the meantime he was not neglecting his further scholastic acquirements, in this direction continuing his studies at the Indiana State University at Bloomington, from which institution he was graduated in 1898, later taking a post-graduate course during two summer sessions of Columbia University. Upon receiving his diploma from the state university Mr. Scholl was selected by the school board of Carthage as superintendent of schools in that pleasant village and for six years he served in that responsible capacity. The excellent work done by him there in the meantime had attracted the attention of school authorities elsewhere and in 1904 he was called by the school board of Rushville to accept the superintendency of the schools of that city, a position which he accepted and which he ever since has occupied. During his long incumbency as superintendent of the Rushville schools Mr. Scholl has done much to modernize the local school system and to bring the same up to the high ethical standards demanded by the cultured community these schools so admirably serve. Along all other lines having to do with cultural extension Mr. Scholl also has given his thoughtful attention and has rendered excellent service as a member of the Rushville city library board and as a member of the local chautauqua board. On August 26, 1896, Joseph H. Scholl was united in marriage to Sarah Marlatt, daughter of the Rev. A. N. Marlatt, and to this union two children have been born, daughters both, Mary Ann, born in Bloomington, this state, who was graduated from DePauw University and is now a member of the teaching staff of the

Greenfield (Ind.) schools, and Sarah Josephine, born at Carthage, who is now (1921) a student at DePauw University. Mrs. Scholl also is a graduate of DePauw and has ever been an efficient coadjutor of her husband in the unselfish and invaluable service to which they have for so many years been devoted. Mrs. Scholl and daughters are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Rushville and take a proper interest in church work as well as in all social movements designed to promote the cause of community betterment. Mr. Scholl is a member of the English Lutheran church. Mr. Scholl is a Republican, a member of the local Masonic lodge, the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Rushville Rotary Club.

R. B. COOK, a well-known and progressive farmer and horseman and proprietor of a fine farm in Union township, is a native Hoosier and has lived in Indiana all his life, a resident of Rush county since the days of his childhood. He was born on a farm in Hamilton county, this state, June 28, 1867, son of William M. and Susanna (Johnson) Cook, both of whom were born in Rush county, members of old families here and the former of whom is still living. William M. Cook grew to manhood in Union township, this county, where he was born, and for some time after his marriage to Susanna Johnson continued to make his home here, but presently moved up into Hamilton county, where he was engaged in farming for a few years, at the end of which time he returned to Rush county, and established his home on his farm of 170 acres in the Glenwood neighborhood in Union township, where he remained until his retirement from the active labors of the farm and removal to Rushville, where his wife died on November 20, 1919. Since the death of his wife Mr. Cook has been making his home with the family of his son, O. J. Cook, in Richland township. He and his wife were the parents of seven children, of whom but two now survive, the subject of this sketch and his brother O. J. Cook. As noted above, R. B. Cook was but a child when he came to Rush county with his parents from Hamilton county and he was reared on the home farm in Union township, receiving his schooling in the Glenwood schools. As a young man he continued on the farm, assisting his father in the operations of the same until his marriage at the age of twenty-two when he rented a farm and began operations "on his own." Some years later he bought sixty acres of the tract he now owns in Union township and has since made his home there. It was in 1895 that Mr. Cook bought that "sixty." His affairs prospered and in 1910 he bought an adjoining "eighty." In 1918 he bought another "sixty" and now has 260 acres, which he has brought to an excellent state of cultivation. For years Mr. Cook has given much attention to the breeding of fine horses and from the days of his boyhood has been an exhibitor of thoroughbred horses at the Indiana state fair and at local fairs in this section of the state. For the past year or more he has made a specialty of the breeding of Belgian draft horses. In addition he feeds out 150 or 200 head of

hogs each year and is widely known as a painstaking stockman. On December 30, 1890, R. B. Cook was united in marriage to Hettie Hood, daughter of A. B. and Margaret (Gifford) Hood, and to this union three children have been born, sons all, Gifford, Donald and Fred, who are valued assistants to their father in the operations of the farm. The Cooks have a very pleasant home on rural mail route No. 1 out of Falmouth and have ever taken an interested and helpful part in the general social activities of the community in which they live. Mrs. Cook is a member of the Fairview Christian church. In their political affiliations the Cooks are Democrats.

ALBERT LOCKE WINSHIP. It is not often that the genealogical records of a family are preserved with the degree of accuracy or for the length of time of those of the Winship family. It is therefore possible here to present a complete account of this old and honored family. How truly did Ernest Byron Cole, the compiler of an excellent record of the Winship family in America, say: "This country is fast filling up with foreigners, and the time is coming when it will be an honor to be able to show that our ancestors for two hundred and fifty years have been instrumental in developing, making and defending this, the greatest country under the sun." The genealogy prepared by Mr. Cole is as nearly a complete record of the descendants of Edward Winship, the founder of the family in America, as could be obtained from the records of the towns in which they lived, and from a thorough search through the principal libraries of New England for facts connected with their lives. The name of Winship was spelled in many ways, namely: Winshepp, Winshop, Winshape, Winshope, Winchep, Windchepp and Windship. Edward, the founder of the line in America, spelled his name Winshipp, but his descendants dropped one p, and spelled it as it is now commonly spelled, W-i-n-s-h-i-p. The record of Edward Winship will entitle all of his descendants to membership in the societies of the Sons of Colonial Times, the Colonial Dames, and other colonial organizations. The record of Jabez Winship will entitle all his descendants to membership in the Sons of the Revolution and the Daughters of the Revolution. It is a matter of indisputable record that the Winships are descendants of William the Conqueror, first Norman King of England, from whom the line of descent passed through thirty generations to Jabez Lathrop Winship, of Brookville, Ind., (1752-1827), and by examining "The Line of Descent of the Royal Family," on page 38 of John O'Hart's "Irish Pedigrees," there may be found the full line of descent of William the Conqueror, from Adam, the first man. A more complete genealogical record than this would be difficult to find. Edward Winship embarked for America in the good ship, "Defiance," at Harwich, England, August 10, 1635; arrived in Boston, Mass., October 3, 1635, and two days later located at Cambridge, a suburb of Boston. He purchased land, and was for many years one of the



LEWIS ERWIN WINSHIP

most active and energetic citizens of the town, holding several military and civil official positions. Jabez Lathrop Winship was the great-great-grandson of Edward, thus: Edward, Joseph, Joseph, Joseph. He was born at Norwich, Conn., in 1752, and during his life was active in the military affairs of the country, having served with the Colonial arms during the Revolution, and it is believed that he held a commission as captain. He married Hannah Forsythe (date unknown) in New London, Conn., and after the war was over located on the Susquehanna river in New York state, where for several years he owned and kept a hotel. Here it was, on April 23, 1787, that Jesse Winship was born. He grew to manhood in the old Empire state, but in the year 1811 decided to come west, and accordingly crossed the mountains, came down the Ohio river, and thence to Brookville, Ind., where he married Celia Lafforge. He hen removed to Fayette county, Indiana, and bought eighty acres of land, which is now included in the site of Connersville, and there, on November 27, 1820, Lewis Erwin Winship was born, the sixth child in a family of ten. In 1821, Jesse Winship moved to Anderson township, Rush county, and here the boy, Lewis E., was reared. At the age of fourteen, his father having died, he assumed the active management of the home farm, and such was his energy and ability that he increased his land holdings to 1,200 acres in this county before his death. On June 14, 1850, Lewis Erwin Winship married Mary Jane Bennett, but on the fifth day of the following June became a widower. On March 10, 1853, he married Margaret Ruddell, and to this union five children were born: Albert Locke, born on June 3, 1854; Augustus Miller, September 10, 1855; Mattie, February 26, 1858, who died on March 24, 1871; Lillie, October 27, 1860, who died on March 4, 1880, and Jennie, March 18, 1870, who married Rush G. Budd, of Rush county. Albert Locke Winship was educated in the common schools of this county, and upon leaving scholastic halls took up farming with his father, with whom he continued until he became the recipient of a farm of 120 acres. He then pursued agriculture on his own account until 1904, when he was elected county auditor, and moved to Rushville. His election was a fair indication of the esteem in which he was held by the people of the county, and came as a partial reward for the faithful and efficient services he had rendered the Republican party. After his term in the office of auditor, Mr. Winship was elected cashier of the Rushville National Bank, in which he had become interested, and after a period of service of three years in this capacity was elected to the presidency of that institution, a position which he still retains. In addition to his large interests in financial circles, Mr. Winship has increased his property holdings to about 1,100 acres of as fine land as is anywhere to be found. On December 23, 1875, Albert L. Winship was married to Mary E. Moor, a daughter of Artimus and Eunice Moor, and to this union six children have

been born, namely: Elsie, who married Elbert C. Davidson and has two children, Paul and Lawrence, the first named of whom married Ruby Gwinnip and has one child, a son, Paul, Jr.; Fred, who married Mary Offutt and has one child, a son, Albert Offutt; Charles, who married Lena Wesling; Earl B., who married Jessie Finley and has one child, a daughter, Mary E.; Lillian, who married Donald Powers, to which union was born one child, a son, Donald, and who after the death of Mr. Powers married Vincent Young, and William Winship, who is unmarried. Albert L. Winship is a Mason, a Knights Templar, a noble of the Mystic Shrine and a Knight of Pythias. He is a member of the board of trustees of St. Paul's Methodist Church at Rushville and is numbered among the most earnest supporters of the church. He has always been accounted one of the stalwart workers in the Republican party, and his efforts in behalf of the party have been no small factor in the success of the party in Rush county. His keen judgment not only in political but in business affairs rightly entitles him to a foremost position in the esteem of his fellow citizens, and it is to be recorded that just consideration is not withheld.

WALTER E. SMITH, an attorney of Rushville, was born in that city on April 19, 1878, the son of William H. and Frances O. Smith, the latter of Franklin county, Indiana, the former of South Carolina, whence he came to Rush county when a boy with his parents, Ebenezer and Mary A. Smith. They were among the pioneer settlers of Union township, and did their full part in the conversion of the land from a wilderness to a beautiful and highly cultivated farming district. William H. Smith grew to manhood on the farm and received his early schooling in the local schools. Later, having decided on a professional career, he attended the old Asbury Academy, now DePauw University, and then went to the Western Reserve Medical college at Cleveland, Ohio, from which he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He first practiced at Laurel in Franklin county, and then at Fairview, Fayette county. Later he moved to Rushville where throughout a practice of about fifty years he obtained and kept the confidence of the entire community. He was active in the work of the local medical organization, and was eminently successful in his profession. He was interested in farming, and invested a part of his earnings in a 132-acre farm in Rushville township. He was the father of seven children, four of whom are now living: Anna, wife of John H. Frazee; Dr. William C.; Luella, wife of J. E. Fish; and Walter E., the subject of this sketch. Walter E. Smith obtained his elementary education in the schools of Rushville township, and also attended the old Graham Academy in Rushville. After being graduated from the high school he matriculated in Indiana University, where for two years he pursued the Literature and Arts course. He then entered upon the law course of the Indiana Law School at Indianapolis, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws

in 1902. He then returned to Rushville where he commenced the practice of the legal profession, but soon enlarged his business interests by taking up the negotiation of loans, in which he has met with excellent success. On November 29, 1919, Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Hazel K. Thomas, of Summitville, Madison county, Indiana. Mrs. Smith received her early schooling in the public schools of Summitville and then entered Fairmount Academy, from which she was graduated. She then entered the Metropolitan School of Music at Indianapolis, where she specialized on the violin, becoming very proficient. Mr. Smith is a member of the Christian church at Rushville. Fraternally, he is a member of the Rushville lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and as the principles of the Republican party coincide most nearly with his own views on political matters, he is counted among its ardent supporters.

WILLIAM M. BROOKS, one of the enterprising young agriculturists of Rush county, whose valuable farm of ninety-eight and one-half acres is located in Noble township, was born in that township, on November 18, 1884, son of William M. and Laura Delphina (Downey) Brooks, natives of Nicholas county, Kentucky, and Noble township, respectively. When he was about ten years old the elder William M. Brooks came to Rush county in company with his parents, and located at Rushville, where he later embarked in a drug business in partnership with Andrew Hinchman, this association continuing until Mr. Brooks's marriage, when he retired from the drug business, moved to Noble township and began to farm. Finding this occupation congenial and profitable he continued to invest in land until at one time he owned 600 acres of land in Rush county. His death occurred in 1896 and his widow is now living at Rushville. They had ten children, five of whom survive, namely: Minnie, Edith, Harry, Leslie, and William M. After completing his schooling in Noble township William M. Brooks took a commercial course in a business college at Richmond, Indiana, and then, returning home, began operating the homestead. Subsequently he moved to his present farm in Noble township. He has always been a general farmer and stock-raiser, and feeds out from seventy-five to 100 head of hogs annually. On October 10, 1907, Mr. Brooks was married to Maxie Griffin, daughter of Marion Griffin, and they have two children, William and Howard. In his membership with Little Flat Rock Christian Church Mr. Brooks finds expression for his religious life, and he is honored in that congregation. The Republican party has in him a firm supporter, but he has not come before the public for office.

CLIFF N. WINSHIP, a well-known farmer and stockman of Anderson township, was born on the farm which he now occupies in that township, December 27, 1872, a son of Amos and Elizabeth J. (Hunt) Winship, the latter a native of Franklin county, Indiana, born in 1849. Amos Winship was born on the farm now operated by his son, in 1847, and was reared and educated in the same community,

where he continued to be engaged as a general farmer and stock raiser during the remainder of his active life. He retired several years before his death, which occurred on July 23, 1915. Mr. Winship was one of the highly esteemed men of his community and his long and honorable career was crowned by the acquirement of a gratifying property. His widow still survives him and makes her home with her son, Cliff N. Beside the latter, Mr. and Mrs. Winship had a daughter, Gertrude, wife of Arra Bennett, who died in 1912. After attending the district school in the vicinity of his father's farm in Anderson township, Cliff N. Winship pursued a course in the normal school at Rushville, and upon completing his studies returned to the home farm, where he became his father's associate. At the time of his marriage, Mr. Winship purchased 110 acres of land and began his independent career, which has been devoted to farming and the raising of live stock. Mr. Winship improved his original purchase by the erection of substantial buildings and the installation of modern machinery and labor-saving devices, and in addition to cultivating this tract also applies himself to the operation of the home farm, of which he had assumed management at the time of the retirement of his father. He is now operating 270 acres and as a stock feeder has a herd of good graded stock and feeds out about 500 head of hogs annually. Mr. Winship married Cora L., daughter of Darius and Irene (Hite) Patterson, and to this union there has been born one child, Miriam T., who is attending school at Milroy. Mr. Winship is a Democrat. but has never aspired to public office. He is a York Rite Mason and a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, affiliated with Murat Temple at Indianapolis and also holds membership in the Knights of Pythias and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Mr. Winship is known in his community as an industrious worker and a shrewd and well-informed man of business, and has been identified with numerous phases of town and country life.

ROBERT E. PHILLIPS, a well-known farmer of Richland township and accounted among the strong and influential citizens of Rush county whose lives have become an essential part of the history of this section, is a native son of the old Hoosier state, having been born in Franklin county, Indiana, on May 1, 1869. His parents, Henry and Julia (Harris) Phillips, were natives of Washington county, Pennsylvania, where they were reared and educated. Sometime after their marriage they moved to Franklin county, Indiana, settling near Andersonville, where Henry Phillips farmed rented land for a number of years. He and his father then bought a farm and together ran a saw and gristmill. Later he sold his farm interests to his father and thereafter to the time of his death he devoted his time to the sawmill, in which he was successful. To him and his wife were born nine children, namely: John (deceased): Josephine, Sarah, Eli, Catherine, Robert, William, Thomas and Alden. Robert E. Phillips received his educational training in the schools of Franklin county and then assisted his father in the operation of the sawmill.

He also bought a threshing machine, which he ran until 1905, when he bought the farm which he now owns, comprising eighty-two acres of fine land, and here he is energetically carrying on general farming operations, in which he is meeting with commensurate success. He also handles live stock, feeding about 100 head of hogs annually. Mr. Phillips's place is well improved and he carries on his work in a practical and efficient way that brings maximum results. Mr. Phillips married Elizabeth Davis, the daughter of John and Emeline Davis, and their union has been blessed in the birth of four children, namely: Ethel, who became the wife of Gay Simons; Lola, who became the wife of John King and the mother of one child, Robert; Clara, who married Merlin Senour and has one child, Theodore; and Julia Emeline, deceased. Mr. Phillips is a stanch Republican. He is deeply interested in everything pertaining to the advancement of the general welfare and enjoys the confidence of all who know him.

J. E. WALTHER, M. D., who has been engaged in the practice of medicine at Glenwood since he secured his diploma in 1912, is a native son of Missouri but has been a resident of Indiana since he was fifteen years of age and has thus long since come to regard himself almost as much a Hoosier as though "native and to the manner born." Doctor Walther was born in Jefferson county, Missouri, July 25, 1883, son of Ferdinand and Louise (Null) Walther, the latter of whom was born in that same state. Ferdinand Walther, a miller, who is now living at Indianapolis, is a native of New York state. He and his wife have two sons, Doctor Walther having a brother, Cornelius Walther. As noted above, Doctor Walther was about fifteen when he became a Hoosier by adoption. When he was about twelve years of age his parents moved from Missouri to Athens, Illinois, where they remained until 1898 when they came to Indiana and located in Parke county, where Doctor Walther completed his common school training, being graduated from the Bloomingdale Academy in 1903. Upon leaving the academy he entered the United States civil service and was presently sent to the Philippine Islands, where he was engaged in Government civil service until 1908, in which year he returned to the states and at once entered Indiana University, from the medical college of which institution he was graduated in 1912. Upon securing his diploma Doctor Walther, who in the meantime had married, established his home at Glenwood in this county, opened an office for the practice of his profession there and has since resided in that pleasant village, having an extensive practice in the countryside thereabout. It was in 1910 that Dr. J. E. Walther was united in marriage to Winona McCampbell, daughter of Charles and Esta McCampbell, and to this union two children have been born, sons both, Joseph and John. Doctor and Mrs. Walther have a very pleasant home at Glenwood and take an interested part in the community's general social activities. They are Republicans and the Doctor is a member of the local lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons at Falmouth and of the Modern Woodmen of America. He is affiliated with

the Rush County Medical Society, with the Indiana State Medical Society and with the American Medical Association and is a member of the college fraternity Phi Chi, in the affairs of all of which organizations he takes a warm interest.

OLLIE N. BROWN, a well known farmer of Posey township and one of the most highly esteemed citizens of his community, is a native son of Rush county, having been born in the township in which he now lives on December 10, 1884. His parents, Jerry and Cora (Taylor) Brown, were natives, respectively, of Rush county and the state of Kentucky and were reared and educated in their native localities. Jerry Brown was a lifelong farmer in Posey township, where he owned eighty acres of good land. He and his wife became the parents of three children, two of whom, Bertha and Ollie N., are living. Ollie N. Brown pursued his educational training in the Beaver Meadow school and two years in the high school at Arlington. He then devoted his energies to work on the home farm, where he remained until his marriage. In 1906 Mr. Brown rented a tract of land from his grandfather Brown, which he operated for five years, at the end of that period going to Henry county, Indiana, where he bought a sixty-acre farm. Two years later he returned to Rush county and, in partnership with his father-in-law, bought the farm where he now lives, comprising 100 acres of land, the subject operating half of the land. He later bought thirty-two and a half acres of land across the road from his other land, thus giving him eighty-two and a half acres of land, to which he has since devoted his attention. He is thorough and methodical in his work, giving due attention to rotation of crops and the maintenance of soil fertility, and is meeting with well-deserved success. He also gives some attention to the raising of live stock, feeding two carloads of hogs annually. On February 21, 1906, Mr. Brown was married to Ava Downey, who was born, reared and educated in Posey township, the daughter of John P. and Mary (Stevens) Downey, there being one other child, Fern, in this family. Mr. and Mrs. Brown have had three children, Wilson E. (deceased), Jean E. and Fern I. Mr. Brown and his wife are members of the Christian church at Arlington. Mr. Brown is a member of the Farmers' Association and is a Democrat in his political faith.

CHARLES W. ERTEL, an enterprising and successful farmer in Washington township, this county, belongs to one of the fine old families of this section that has had much to do with agricultural development. He was born in Washington township, March 9, 1881, a son of Philip and Mary (Burnau) Ertel. His father was born in Philadelphia, Pa., and in boyhood came to Indiana with his parents, Philip and Mary (Estel) Ertel, the family locating in Rush county. Grandfather Philip Ertel was born in Germany, came to the United States when a young man, was married in Philadelphia and later in life came with his family to Indiana. He entered eighty acres of land in Washington township, Rush county, and engaged in farming and raising stock. For a time he operated a cordage mill in Union

township. He and wife had four children, Philip, George, Elizabeth and Charles. Philip, the eldest son, obtained his schooling in Washington township and early showed business capacity that led to his being engaged as a traveling representative by a Philadelphia business firm. After he returned to Washington township he acquired and cleared land and sold lumber for the next ten years, after which until his death he followed farming and stockraising on what is now the farm owned by Mrs. G. Abernathy. He married Mary Burnau, of New Paris, Ohio. and they had five children: Thomas H., Mary, Charles W., living, and George and Ida, deceased. Charles W. Ertel obtained his public school training in Washington township. When he first engaged in farming he rented 160 acres that he operated for eight years, then settled on his present place, where he has 215 acres. Mr. Ertel is a careful, practical farmer and operates his land according to modern methods. He married Mrs. Marie (Messersmith) Zehner, who was born in Franklin county, Indiana. In politics Mr. Ertel is a Republican. He is a Knight Templar and thirty-second degree Mason and a Shriner.

GEORGE W. YOUNG, senior member of the law firm of Young & Young at Rushville and former prosecuting attorney for this judicial district, is a native son of Rush county and has lived in this county all his life, a resident of Rushville since the days of his young manhood, for many years thus an influential factor in the cause of good citizenship hereabout. Mr. Young was born in Center township, this county, January 29, 1847, son of James and Margaret (Davis) Young, well known residents of that township in a generation that has passed. James Young was a native of the Buckeye state who came from Ohio to Indiana as a carpenter at the age of twenty-one and located in Rush county. Not long after coming here he bought a quarter of a section of land in Center township and there developed a good farm, spending the rest of his life as a farmer. James Young married Margaret Davis, who was born in County Leitrim, Connaught, Ireland, who had come to this country with her parents when twenty-two years of age, and to that union ten children were born, of whom two are still living, George W. Young having a brother, Samuel H. Young. But three of the others grew to maturity, David, James and William A. Young. George W. Young grew up on the home farm in Center township and supplemented the schooling he received in the neighborhood schools of that township by a course at Spiceland Academy, after which for four years he taught school in Jackson and Union townships. During this period he found his inclinations turning him to the study of law and presently he entered the law office of William Cullen and Benjamin Smith at Rushville, under whose preceptorship he was prepared for admission to the bar. Upon his admission Mr. Young entered the practice of his profession at Rushville and has ever since continued thus engaged, long one of the best known attorneys in the Sixth district. His son, James V. Young, has been associated with him in practice for some years, a quite mutually

agreeable arrangement which has proved successful. In 1894 George W. Young was elected on the Republican ticket as prosecuting attorney of the judicial district comprising the counties of Rush and Decatur and served for one term. He also has served as attorney for the city of Rushville and during his long years of legal practice has ever been devoted to the cause of the welfare of his home community. Mr. Young is a Knight Templar and Royal Arch Mason, a member of the blue lodge, the commandery and the chapter at Rushville, and is also a member of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias. He and his wife are members of the Methodist church. Mrs. Young also is a native of Rush county. She was born, Nancy Hinchman, in Union township, a member of one of the pioneer families in that part of the county. To Mr. and Mrs. Young three children have been born, James V., Della, wife of Judge Will M. Sparks, and Iola M. (deceased). James V. Young, junior member of the law firm of Young & Young, was born on November 18, 1874, and has been a resident of Rushville all his life. Upon completing the course in the Rushville school he continued his studies at the university at Valparaiso, Ind., and at the law school at Indianapolis and upon completing his law course was admitted to the bar, immediately thereafter forming a partnership with his father for the practice of his profession at Rushville. Mr. Young is a Republican, as is his father, and is a Scottish Rite Mason and Knight Templar, a member of the consistory at Indianapolis and of the commandery at Rushville. He also is a member of the local lodges of the Knights of Pythias and of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at Rushville. Mr. Young and his wife are members of the Methodist church. Mrs. Young, who was Lillian Power, also was born at Rushville.

THE MULL FAMILY has had representation in America since Colonial days, and in Rush county since the year 1826, five years following the erection of this county as a separate civic unit in the then growing group of counties which make up the Hoosier commonwealth. The first of the name in this country was David Mull, who came to America from Germany in 1740, and settled in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, later, in 1757, moving to Loudoun county, Virginia, where he spent the remainder of his life and where the family became well established. David Mull was the father of seven children, his last born being George Mull, who was born in Loudoun county, Virginia, in 1772. When twenty-one years of age, in 1793, George Mull married Catherine Long, who was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, about the year 1774, and after his marriage continued to maintain his home in Loudoun county until 1814, in which year he moved with his family to Warren county, Ohio, where his wife died in 1823. George Mull survived his wife about four years, his death occurring in this county in December, 1827, while on a visit to his sons who had come over here from Ohio the year before and effected a settlement in Rush county, where the family has ever since been represented. The

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body of George Mull was taken back to Warren county and laid beside that of his wife in the old home cemetery there. George and Catherine (Long) Mull were the parents of seven children, three of whom, George, Jacob and Frederick became pioneer residents of Rush county, the brothers coming here in March, 1826, George locating in Rushville township and Jacob and Frederick in Walker township. Jacob Mull was born in Loudoun county, Virginia, in 1803, and was thus but little more than ten years of age when he moved with his parents into Ohio, where he grew to manhood and where he married Margaret Richinson, who was born in New Jersey in 1805, of Scottish stock. It was not long after his marriage when Jacob Mull, in the spring of 1826, settled in Rush county, locating on a farm in the eastern part of Walker township, where he remained until 1836, when he left the farm and moved to the village of Manilla, where he became engaged in mercantile business and where he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring in June, 1861. He and his wife were the parents of four children: Cyrus, of whom more below; George, who died at the age of seven years; Catherine, who married Dr. James W. Trees, and Mary Ann, who married Dr. John J. Inlow. Cyrus Mull was born on the home farm in the eastern part of Walker township on March 19, 1829, and was seven years of age when his father moved from the farm to Manilla, where he received his schooling and early became trained in the ways of business in his father's store. When he reached his majority his father admitted him to partnership in the business, in which his brother-in-law, Dr. J. W. Trees, also was interested, the firm doing business under the style of J. & C. Mull & Trees. In addition to carrying on a general mercantile business at Manilla this firm also made a specialty of buying and selling live stock, and in this latter department Cyrus Mull became one of the best known stockmen in this section of Indiana, his operations covering a wide territory hereabout. His interests in other directions also expanded and he was for years a member of the board of directors of the Rushville National Bank and of the First National Bank of Shelbyville. He also had considerable land interests and to a fine farm he owned at the edge of the village of Manilla he gave much of his personal attention, erecting there one of the good homes of Rush county, a place in which he took much delight, for his home ever was a delight to him, and in that home his last days were spent, his death occurring there on July 7, 1883, he then being fifty-four years of age. His widow survived him for many years, her death occurring on December 19, 1920, she then being in her eighty-first year. Mrs. Mull was Eleanor Josephine Kerrick, born at Blooming Grove, Franklin county, Indiana, January 28, 1840, daughter of the Rev. Nimrod and Mary (Masters) Kerrick, the former of whom was born in Loudoun county, Virginia, and the latter in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. The Rev.

Nimrod Kerrick was a clergyman of the Methodist Episcopal church and at the time of his daughter's marriage to Cyrus Mull, September 17, 1857, was stationed at Milroy, this county, where the marriage took place. To this union eight children were born, namely: Horace E., born in 1858, who died in 1860; Thomas K., born in 1860, who is still living, president of the Manilla Bank; William C., born in 1863, who died in 1892; Frank A., born in 1864, who died in 1913; Leonidas H., born in 1866, who died in 1917; George F., born in 1868, who died in 1915; Jacob C., born in 1878, who died in 1881, and Mary M., born in 1882, who is still living in the old home place at Manilla, she and her brother, Thomas K. Mull, continuing to maintain their home there. Miss Mull is an alumnus of the H. Thane Miller School for Girls at Cincinnati. Frank A. Mull, who died at his home in Rushville in 1913, had extensive farming and other interests in this county. He married Sarah E. Harpole, of Bloomington, Ind., and had been a resident of Rushville for about fourteen years at the time of his death. Leonidas H. Mull also had extensive farm interests and had for years been connected with the Manilla Bank, of which he was vice-president at the time of his death in 1917. He was a Democrat and represented this county in the lower house of the Indiana General Assembly during the session of the legislature in 1899. George F. Mull was graduated from DePauw University and from Yale law school and at the time of his death in 1915 had been for years a practicing attorney at Indianapolis, a member of the law firm of Edenharter & Mull. Thomas K. Mull, president of the Manilla Bank and the only surviving brother of this family, has always been a resident of Manilla except for about three years, in early life, when he was employed at Rushville. He has been identified with the Manilla Bank since he and his brother became its owners in 1901, and for years prior to the death of Leonidas H. Mull he and his brother were associated together in business at Manilla. Mr. Mull is a Republican and in 1894 was elected state senator from this joint senatorial district (Hancock and Rush), and thus served in the Indiana state senate during the sessions of 1895 and 1897. He is a Scottish Rite Mason (thirty-second degree) and a Shriner, as were three of his brothers, and is also a Knight of Pythias.

JACOB A. WISSING, JR., an enterprising farmer of Walker township, this county, was born in Shelby county, Indiana, September 1, 1867, a son of Jacob and Caroline (Hertzel) Wissing, substantial farming people in Shelby and Rush counties. Jacob A. Wissing attended the public schools in Walker township and remained at home, assisting his father until 1891, after which he worked as a farm hand in different sections up to the time of his marriage. Then he bought 104 acres of good land in Walker township, which he has improved greatly, erecting new buildings and doing a large amount of ditching. He raises grain and hay and about 100 head of hogs annually. In

addition to profitably operating his own farm, he farms a sixty-acre tract adjoining that belongs to his father. On April 23, 1900, he married Mrs. Erevell (Tanner) Wilber, born in Decatur county, Indiana, daughter of Ira and Lucreta (Markland) Tanner, both of Decatur county where Mr. Tanner was a carpenter. Mrs. Wissing is a member of the Baptist church at Homer. By a former marriage Mrs. Wissing became the mother of one child, Opal Wilber. She married Clarence Brown and they reside at Shelbyville. Mr. Wissing is a Democrat. He belongs to the Odd Fellows and the Red Men lodges at Homer.

RUSH G. BUDD, one of the prominent farmers of Rush county, conducts extensive farming operations in Rushville township from his home in Rushville. He was born on November 14, 1865, in Indianapolis, a son of John R. and Sarah R. (Singleton) Budd, both natives of New Jersey, in which state they were married. John R. Budd was a poultry dealer, but when he first came to Indianapolis he engaged in the grocery business for several years. He then reverted to his first calling, opening a commission house specializing in poultry, and in this business he was considered the pioneer in the middle West. He continued successfully throughout his entire life, which was brought to a close in 1910. The firm of J. R. Budd & Company was the first produce and poultry house in the West that could boast of a cold storage plant, and was everywhere honored for its upright business methods. Mr. Budd and his wife were the parents of five children: W. S., George W., Mattie, who died at the age of sixteen years, Rush G., and David S. Rush G. Budd was a student in the public schools of Indianapolis, and when he finished his scholastic training he entered business with his father, with whom he continued until 1893. In that year he came to Rush county, locating on a farm three miles south of Rushville. Here he lived for five years, and at the expiration of that period moved to Rushville, but has since actively carried on the affairs of the farm. This is a tract of 400 acres in Rushville township, exceptionally fine land that has been kept in a high state of production by scientific methods of management. A general farming and stock raising business is done, but the specialty is the raising of seed corn, "Budd's Yellow Dent" having established itself high in the favor of hundreds of farmers. In addition to this, Mr. Budd has the distinction of having introduced the Hampshire hogs to Rush county, and for several years he raised thoroughbred animals of this breed. In 1890, Mr. Budd married Jennie Winship, a daughter of Lewis E. and Margaret Winship, ranked among the prominent citizens of the county. A more extended mention of the Winship family in America will be found in the biography of A. L. Winship, a brother of Mrs. Budd, elsewhere in this volume. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Budd, Lillian, who died in California in infancy, and Alleine, who was graduated from the Rushville high school in 1914. She then entered Goucher College at Baltimore, where she was a student for two years, at the end of which

time she became a student at the Northwestern University, from which she was graduated with the class of 1918. Mr. Budd has for years been a trustee of the Methodist Episcopal church at Rushville, of which he is a member, and fraternally is a Mason, having attained the thirty-second degree in that order. Politically, Mr. Budd adheres to the principles of the Democratic party, and in political as well as civic and moral affairs takes a good citizen's part. He served the city for one term as a member of the school board, and for four years was drainage commissioner, in addition to which he is now in his second term as a member of and treasurer of the board of trustees of the Indiana village for epileptics at Newcastle, Ind.

EMORY VANDEVENTER, a well-known and substantial farmer of Union township, has been a resident of Rush county for twenty-five years and in that time has developed here a good piece of property. He was born in Hannah county, Tennessee, May 20, 1875, son of Jesse and Ann (Albert) VanDeventer, both of whom were born in that state. Jesse VanDeventer was a farmer, who died in 1877, leaving his widow with two small sons, the subject of this sketch having had a brother, Jesse, now deceased. After the death of her husband the widow VanDeventer moved to Lee county, Virginia, where she remained until 1888 when she moved to Kentucky. Emory VanDeventer was thirteen years of age when he went to Kentucky with his mother and his schooling was completed in that state. He remained there until he was twenty-one years old when, in 1896, he came up into Indiana and located in Rush county, renting a farm of 160 acres in the Raleigh neighborhood with a view of starting farming on his own account. Something more than a year later he married here and not long afterward rented a 200 acre farm in Union township on which he made his home for three years, at the end of which time he rented the farm on which he is now living and was there engaged in farming 208 acres for two years, at the end of which time he moved back to his former place near Raleigh and there farmed 240 acres until 1909, in which year he bought the farm of 105 acres on which he is now living and has since resided there. Since taking possession of this place Mr. VanDeventer has made numerous improvements on the farm and has an up-to-date and well equipped farm plant. It was on December 23, 1897, the year following his arrival in Rush county, that Emory VanDeventer was united in marriage to Maude Redding, who was born in this county, and to this union seven children have been born, Elsie, Anna, Jesse, Maxine, Marion (deceased, 1919), Ross (deceased, 1911) and Ruth. The VanDeventers have a pleasant home on rural mail route No. 1 out of Falmouth and take an interested part in the community's general social activities. Mr. and Mrs. VanDeventer are members of the Fairview Christian church and have ever taken an earnest part in the work of the church, Mr. VanDeventer long having been an office bearer in the church, is now one of the elders and also is a teacher in the Sunday school. He is a member of the Masonic lodge and in his political leaning is

"independent." Mrs. VanDeventer is a member of one of the old families of Rush county, both her parents, Callaway and Vilena (Davis) Redding, having been born here. Callaway Redding was born on the farm in Washington township where he is now living and where he has lived all his life. He is a son of John and Mary Ann (Bush) Redding, the former a native of North Carolina and the latter of New York state, who were among the early residents of Washington township, where John Redding entered a tract of 120 acres and established his home in pioneer days. Callaway Redding has a farm of forty-six acres, a part of the old Redding place in Washington township. He and his wife have three children, Mrs. VanDeventer having two sisters, Fannie and Effie.

HIRAM B. WILSON, former principal of the high school at Rushville, now living at Milroy, was for more than thirty years prior to his retirement a few years ago engaged in the teaching profession and there are few teachers in Rush county who have a wider and more appreciative acquaintance than he. Mr. Wilson is a native son of Rush county, having been born in Rushville, and all his life has been spent here with the exception of a period of four years during which he was engaged in teaching at Rockport and during which period he also was for a year or more engaged in the newspaper business in that town. The Wilsons are of Kentucky stock, H. B. Wilson's father, the late Charles Porter Wilson, having come to Indiana from Kentucky with his parents when about sixteen years of age, in 1845, the family locating on a farm in Richland township, this county. Charles P. Wilson "grew up" in Richland and Anderson townships and in the latter married Sidenia Smith, who was born in Milroy, daughter of Austin K. Smith. He had learned the trade of tinsmith and after his marriage located at Rushville where for several years he was engaged at the trade. He then moved to Milroy, where he followed the same vocation for several years, at the end of which time he moved to Greensburg, down in the neighboring county of Decatur, and there opened a tinshop. Some time later he sold that business and then became engaged in the livery business, later moving again to Milroy, where he died in 1912. He and his wife were the parents of four children, those besides H. B. Wilson being Florence, Elizabeth and Mabel. Reared in this county, H. B. Wilson supplemented the excellent preparatory schooling he received here by attendance at the normal school at Richmond, equipping himself for the teaching profession to which he had devoted himself, and after entering actively upon that profession added to his scholastic acquirements by attendance at DePauw University and at the University of Indiana, in the meantime continuing his work in the school room and so continued until he had an honorable record of thirty years continuously engaged as a teacher, all of this service being rendered in Rush county with the exception, as noted above, of four years spent in teaching at Rockport, during one year of which period he also was engaged as editor of the *Rockport Democrat*. During this honorable period of service in

the schools Mr. Wilson taught at Rushville for ten years, seven years of which time he was engaged as principal of the high school there. He also taught in Anderson township six years, at Milroy six years, at Manilla one year and in Posey and Jackson townships three years, his work at Milroy and Manilla being in the high school, and thus acquired an acquaintance over the county which gives him many pleasant memories in the time of his retirement. In 1916 Mr. Wilson found that the state of his health would no longer permit the close labors of the school room and he retired from the profession and has since been living quietly and pleasantly at Milroy, which he long has regarded as his home, though his vocation often had taken him elsewhere during his long period of teaching service. In 1885 H. B. Wilson was united in marriage to Abigail Rardin, who died in 1889 leaving one child, a daughter, Cloude Bernice, who married Louis Rindt and has one child, a daughter, Elizabeth. Mr. Wilson is a member of the Christian church at Milroy and has long given his earnest attention to church work, serving for a short period as a member of the diaconate of the church and is now an elder. In his political affiliation he is a Democrat, and has ever given his thoughtful consideration to local civic affairs, his voice and pen ever ready to advance the cause of good government.

HAROLD BEALL, who stands in the front rank among the practical and progressive farmers of Rush county and who has through his well-directed efforts, gained a position of deserved prominence in his community, was born in Clarksburg, Ind. on January 28, 1892, and is the second in order of birth of the six children who graced the marriage of Dr. C. M. and Myrtle (Logan) Beall, the former a native of Greene county, Ohio, and the latter of Decatur county, Indiana. C. M. Beall spent his early years in his native county, but while still a young man he was brought by his parents to Indiana, receiving his elementary education in the public schools of Richmond and at Milan. After leaving the common school he attended Moores Hill College, after which he matriculated in the Cincinnati Medical College, where he received his degree of Doctor of Medicine. He entered upon the active practice of his profession at Clarksburg, Ind., and has remained there continuously since, being now the oldest medical practitioner in that place. He has not only enjoyed an enviable reputation because of his high professional success, but has also been successful in a financial way, being now the owner of 700 acres of splendid farming land in Rush and Decatur counties. Doctor Beall has ever taken a keen interest in agricultural matters and has given his personal attention to the farming of his land. He also handles much live stock on his land, feeding annually from seventy-five to 125 head of cattle and from 200 to 300 hogs. To Dr. C. M. and Myrtle Beall have been born six children, namely: Frank, Harold, Marion, Marjorie, Hugh and Thelma. Harold Beall received his educational training in the public schools of Clarksburg, graduating from the high school there. He then entered Purdue University, where he took the four-year agricul-

tural course, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Science in agriculture. He then took up farming on his father's farm near Clarksburg, where he remained for two years, and then located on the farm belonging to his father in Richland township where he now lives. This farm, which comprises 355 acres, is all located in this township and is among the best tracts of farm land in Rush county. Mr. Beall is here carrying into actual and successful practice the progressive ideas gained by him while on the experimental farm at Purdue and has demonstrated in no uncertain manner the efficiency of his education along those lines. Mr. Beall is particularly interested in the breeding and raising of pure bred live stock and is the owner of the largest pure bred Percheron herd in the state of Indiana. Every mare in his herd is a thoroughbred and he has produced some exceptionally fine stock. He also breeds pure blood Duroc Jersey hogs and pure bred Shorthorn cattle, having had as high as forty of the latter at one time. Careful and certain in all he does, yet he is progressive and is numbered among the advanced thinkers in his community along agricultural lines. In all matters affecting the welfare of the locality in which he lives he takes a deep interest and enjoys the high esteem of all who know him. When the Farmers' Federation was organized in Richland township in September, 1919, Mr. Beall was elected president of the same and is still serving in that capacity. On October 14, 1915, Mr. Beall was married to Louise Jackson, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Jackson, and they are the parents of three children, Helen, Barbara and Hilda. Mr. Beall and his family are identified with the Presbyterian church and in politics he gives his support to the Republican party.

JOHN F. MAPES, formerly and for years a teacher in the schools of Rush county and who is now serving his second term as trustee of Union township, making his home at Glenwood, where he has resided for years, is a native Hoosier and has resided in this state all his life. He was born at Fayetteville (Orange) in the neighboring county of Fayette on May 15, 1865, son of Dr. John W. and Mary A. (Neal) Mapes, the latter of whom was born in Baltimore, Maryland, but was reared in Pennsylvania to which state her parents had moved from Baltimore when she was a child. Dr. John W. Mapes, who for years practiced his profession and had a drug store at Glenwood, was born in Palmyra, New York, and was trained to the trade of shoemaker. As a young man he went to Pennsylvania and was there married, August 1, 1839, to Mary A. Neal, shortly afterward moving to Cincinnati, where he entered medical college and in due time was graduated. Upon receiving his diploma Dr. Mapes went to New Richmond, Ohio, where he opened an office and was there engaged in the practice of his profession for several years, at the end of which time he came over into Indiana and located at Cambridge City. After a sometime practice there he moved to Fayetteville (now known as Orange) in Fayette county and practiced there until 1869 when he moved to Glenwood where he established himself in practice, in connection with

which he maintained a drug store, and there spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring on July 6, 1881. The Doctor's widow survived him for more than thirty years, her death occurring on August 23, 1913. John F. Mapes was but four years old when his parents became residents of Glenwood and his early schooling was received in the excellent schools of that pleasant village. He early turned his attention to the teaching profession and schooled himself for that profession by attendance at the Central Normal School at Danville and at the normal school at Marion. For five years Mr. Mapes was employed as a teacher in the schools of Fayette county and then for nine years was employed as a teacher in the schools of Rush county, thus teaching fourteen terms, during which term of useful service he became one of the best known educators hereabout. In 1904 Mr. Mapes was elected trustee of Union township and served for four years. In 1918 he again was elected trustee and is now serving the public in that useful capacity. On April 3, 1892, John F. Mapes was united in marriage to Kate Jane Stevens, who was born in the neighboring county of Fayette, daughter of Edward and Hannah (Bean) Stevens, and to this union two children have been born, Gladys, who was graduated from the Rushville high school and who died on August 6, 1915, and Maurice M. Mapes. Mr. and Mrs. Mapes are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Glenwood and Mr. Mapes is a member of the board of trustees of the church and was a teacher of the Bible class which he helped to organize in the Sunday school. He is a Republican and has for years been looked upon as one of the leaders of that party in his section of the county. Fraternally he is affiliated with the local lodges of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the P. O. S. of A. and is past noble grand of the Odd Fellows lodge and present financial secretary of the same.

FRANK G. HACKLEMAN, M. D., of Rushville, former pension examiner, a member of the local draft board for Rush county during the progress of the World war, and for years one of the best known physicians in this section of Indiana, continuously engaged in the practice of his profession for nearly forty years, was born in Rush county and has lived here all his life. The Hacklemans are a pioneer family in Indiana, and in various lines of endeavor have created a distinct impression in the progressive development of the commonwealth. Doctor Hackleman was born in Rush county on May 30, 1859, a son of Oliver C. and Caroline (Worster) Hackleman, the former of whom was born in the neighboring county of Franklin on October 26, 1816, a member of one of the first families to settle in the Brookville neighborhood in territorial days. In 1840, he then being twenty-four years of age, Oliver C. Hackleman transferred his residence from Franklin county to Rushville, where, in association with his brother, Pleasant A. Hackleman, he founded the Rushville Whig, later and at present known as the Rushville

Dr. Frank G. Hackleman — Ralph Worster Hackleman

Oliver C. Hackleman

Ward Henley Hackleman — Ward Hibben Hackleman

Republican. Pleasant A. Hackleman enlisted his services in behalf of the cause of the Union, and when the Sixteenth regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, was organized, Col. Pleasant A. Hackleman went to the front as its commander. For a year or more, Oliver C. Hackleman served as sutler for the regiment. Upon the completion of this service he returned to Rush county and engaged in farming. He spent the last ten years of his life at Rushville, his death occurring there on July 4, 1900, he then being in his eighty-fourth year. Oliver C. Hackleman and his wife were the parents of eight children as follows: Thomas Worster, Pleasant O., John L., Aldine, Frank G., Elizabeth, Caroline O., and Hypatia. Doctor Hackleman was born and spent his boyhood on a farm in Rush county, attending the district schools. He later entered the Rushville high school taking the regular four-years course, and was graduated from this school in 1878. He spent one year in the Graham Academy and then commenced the study of medicine under Dr. John Moffett, of excellent memory in this community. Doctor Hackleman was graduated from the Central College of Physicians and Surgeons in March, 1882. He then entered the practice of medicine with his preceptor, Doctor Moffett, and continued with him for two years and then entered Bellevue Medical Hospital in New York City, and after a year of intensive application to clinical observation there returned to Rushville, and in 1885 resumed his practice, and has been thus engaged ever since. Upon his return to Rushville in 1885, Doctor Hackleman received appointment as a member of the board of pension examiners for this district, continuing to serve in that capacity until 1912. For the last twenty years he has made a specialty of eye, ear, throat and nose diseases. On September 29, 1887, Dr. Hackleman was united in marriage to Mary Henley, of Carthage, and to this union there were born three sons, the first born of whom died in infancy, Ward H. and Ralph W., the latter of whom was a student at Wabash College when he enlisted as a private in the United States army, when twenty years of age, to take part in the World war. In the summer of 1918 he was sent to Jefferson Barracks at St. Louis, and in the fall of that year was assigned to Camp Taylor for training as an officer, but with the signing of the armistice shortly afterward was presently discharged without a commission. He then re-entered Wabash College, from which he was graduated in 1920, and is now a student at Harvard University. Ward H. Hackleman married Catherine Wiles Hibben, of Indianapolis. Miss Hibben's father, the late Harold B. Hibben, was born in Rushville. He moved from there as a young man to Indianapolis, where he entered the wholesale dry goods business and at his death was the head of the firm of Hibben, Hollweg & Co. Ward H. Hackleman is engaged in the insurance business in Indianapolis as general agent for the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company, of Springfield, Mass.

He and Mrs. Hackleman are the parents of one child, Ward Hibben. Doctor Hackleman is a member of the Methodist church, as was also his wife, who at all times took an active interest in church work as well as in the general social activities of their home town, until the time of her death, April 30, 1918. The Doctor is a Republican, and has for years been regarded as one of the leaders of that party in this county. He is a member of the American Medical Society, and of the Indiana State Medical Association, always giving his close attention to the affairs of those scientific bodies. In his fraternal relations the Doctor is affiliated with the local lodges of the Masons and of the Knights of Pythias at Rushville, and is a Scottish Rite Mason, affiliated with the consistory at Indianapolis, and a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, affiliated with Murat Temple at Indianapolis.

WILLIAM ARNOLD, whose well improved and finely cultivated farm in Washington township, this county, bears testimony to excellent farm methods and justifiable pride in his home, was born in Union township, this county, September 13, 1878. His parents were John and Alice (Clifford) Arnold, both natives of Rush county and well known and highly respected people. They had the following children: Charles, Sarah, Richard, Josie A., John, Aaron, William, Bertha and Harvey M. After completing his education in Hanover College, John Arnold became a farmer and continued such during life. William Arnold attended the public schools and then assisted on the home place until ready to start out for himself. He made a beginning by renting a tract of 112 acres, which he operated one year, then rented 170 acres in Washington township, where he farmed for five years and then moved to near Ging, where he operated ninety-three acres for several years. After renting another farm in Washington township, comprising 133 acres, for a year, he purchased his farm of ninety and a half acres, which is well situated in Washington township. Mr. Arnold has added greatly to his farm's original value by his many substantial improvements, including a handsome residence. On December 31, 1903, Mr. Arnold married Myla B. Smith, who also was born in Rush county, and they have two children, John W. and Margaret E., both of whom are attending school at Raleigh. Mr. Arnold and his family are members of the Christian church. He has always been affiliated with the Republican party.

HENRY F. ADDISON, a well-known farmer of Posey township, whose life has been a busy and successful one, was born in that township on January 22, 1869, and is the son of Levi and Elizabeth (Stinger) Addison. Mr. Addison was a farmer during all his active years, owning a farm of fifty-three acres. He and his wife were the parents of ten children, eight of whom are living, namely: Samuel, Marshall, Thomas, Henry F., Savanna, Osa, Dora and Lillie. Henry F. Addison attended the Conaway school in Posey township and his youth was spent on the paternal farmstead. He remained with his parents until he had attained his majority, when he began working

out by the month, continuing to be employed in this way for about eighteen months. After his marriage, in 1892, Mr. Addison began to farm on his own account, renting land for about twelve years, at the end of which period he bought eighty acres, comprising his present farm in Posey township. He conducts general farming operations and has met with success, being numbered among the progressive and substantial agriculturists of his section of the county. Mr. Addison has been married twice, first in 1892 to Martha Hendricks. To this union were born two children, Sherman, a mechanic at Anderson, Indiana, who married Eva Talley, and Bessie, who became the wife of Gurney Ernest, a farmer in Ripley township, this county, and they have one child, Kenneth. Mr. Addison married, secondly, Stella Wymond, a native of Fayette county, Indiana, and to this union have been born two children, Grace and Bertha, both of whom are attending school. Politically, Mr. Addison is an ardent Democrat. Fraternally, he is a member of Beech Grove lodge, No. 399, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Arlington. He and his family are members of the Hannegan Christian Church and he gives his unreserved support to every worthy benevolent or charitable object or any movement calculated to advance the general welfare of the community in any way.

BENJAMIN OWEN, who died at his farm home in Orange township in 1881, was for many years one of the most substantial residents of that section of the county and it is but fitting that there should here be carried in the definite history of the county in which he had so long lived a brief tribute to his memory. Benjamin Owen was a member of one of the numerous families of Carolinians who settled in Rush county immediately following the opening for sale of the lands hereabout in 1820. He was born in North Carolina on November 15, 1808, and was but a child when his parents moved from that state to Ohio and settled in Montgomery county, where they remained until about 1821 when they came over into Indiana and settled on a tract of land entered from the Government in Orange township. Benjamin Owen then was about thirteen years of age. His father erected, on Big Flat Rock, the first mill established in Orange township and for years he was helpful in the operation of that pioneer mill. Later he became engaged in farming and this latter vocation he followed the remainder of his life, becoming one of the well established and substantial farmers of his neighborhood and a man of much influence in the community. He was married thrice, his last wife having been Jane Sliger, by whom he had four children, two daughters, Leona and Millie, and two sons, Charles and Ray. Charles Owen was born on April 8, 1871, and has always lived in Orange township, where he is the proprietor of an excellent farm. In 1898 he was united in marriage to Mattie E. Tevis and to this union one child has been born, a daughter, Daisy Ruth Owen, who is a successful teacher in the schools of Rush county, during the past year connected with the Orange township consolidated school at Moscow. Mr.

Owen is a Republican and has ever given his interested attention to local civic affairs. In 1909 he was elected trustee of Orange township and for six years served in that important public capacity, rendering valuable service in behalf of the community.

A. L. RIGGS, now living in retirement at Rushville, where for many years he conducted a successful hardware establishment, was born at Wabash, Ind., October 15, 1856, a son of Alfonso and Ella (Maple) Riggs, and received his graded and high school education at Rushville. After leaving school Mr. Riggs started his business career as an employe in a hardware store, working as a clerk for J. B. Kennedy for about fifteen years, at the end of which time he, with his brother-in-law, W. E. Havens, bought out the Kennedy interests. For twenty-two years they continued to conduct this establishment, the business of which they developed to a large scale. When they retired, they disposed of the establishment to its present owner, John Morris. Mr. Riggs, while retired from active labors, is interested in several enterprises. The firm of Havens & Riggs still own the "Silver Dale" farm of 200 acres in Rushville township. Mr. Riggs is a director of the Rush County National Bank, and vice president and director of the Peoples Gas Company. A stalwart Republican in his political allegiance, he is one of the most influential men of his party in this section, and since 1914 has been county chairman of the organization. He was one of the organizers, in 1897, of the Rushville Social Club, of which he was elected the first treasurer. He also is a member of the Columbia Club of Indianapolis, a state organization, and holds membership in the Knights of Pythias at Rushville and Rushville lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. With his family, he belongs to the Methodist church. On June 7, 1876, Mr. Riggs was united in marriage to Laurette Havens, who was born and educated in Rush county, a daughter of William and Frances (Maddux) Havens, and to this union there has been born one daughter, Blanche, a high school graduate of Rushville, and a graduate of Bowling Green (Ky.) College, who married Guy Abercrombie, a farmer of Rushville township, this county, and has one daughter, Laurette.

FREDERICK A. CALDWELL, the well known furniture dealer and funeral director of Rushville, was born in that city and has lived there all his life, for years one of the recognized and forceful factors in the commercial life of the city. He is a member of a pioneer family in Rush county and has ever done his part in helping to maintain the high standards set by the forefathers of this well established community. Mr. Caldwell was born on June 16, 1875, son of William A. and Emma (Cullen) Caldwell, the former of whom was born in Jackson township, this county, son of James and Alcy (Ploughe) Caldwell, the latter of whom also was born in this county, a member of one of the old pioneer families of this section of the state. James Caldwell was a native of the Keystone state who in the days of his young manhood left his native Pennsylvania and came to Indiana, locating in

Rush county, where he presently married Alcy Ploughe and settled on a farm in Jackson township. He made a good farm out of the place on which he settled and became one of the substantial citizens of that community. He and his wife were the parents of eight children, all of whom save two, George and Rachel, are still living, those besides William A. Caldwell being Mary, Sadie, Lyda, J. Edward and Oliver. William A. Caldwell was reared on the home farm in Jackson township and received his schooling in the local schools. As a lad he determined that a commercial life was better suited to his tastes and inclinations than that of a farm and upon completing his schooling went to Rushville, where he became engaged in the dry goods business with W. C. and A. G. Mauzy and thus early became identified with the business interests of the city. In 1873 William A. Caldwell married Emma Cullen, of Ohio county, Indiana, and to this union four children were born, those besides the subject of this sketch being Mrs. Alice Herkless, Mrs. Fannie Harrison and Helen S. Reared at Rushville, Frederick A. Caldwell completed the course in the city schools and supplemented the same by a course at Graham Academy. Upon becoming engaged in the furniture business, supplemented by the undertaking business, Mr. Caldwell qualified himself as a funeral director by taking a course in the school of embalming at Indianapolis. He has a well-stocked furniture store and a thoroughly modern undertaking equipment, his business being carried on along up-to-date lines in all details. On June 5, 1900, Frederick A. Caldwell was united in marriage to Alice S. Perkins, of Rising Sun, Ind., and to this union one child has been born, a son, James A., who is now (1921) a student in the school of electrical engineering at Purdue University. Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell are members of the Presbyterian church and take a proper interest in church work. Mr. Caldwell is a Republican and is a member of the Rushville lodges of the Masons, the Knights of Pythias, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Red Men and the Modern Woodmen.

HORACE G. WHITEMAN, the owner of a well-cultivated farm in Anderson township and one of his community's substantial and constructive citizens, was born on the property on which he now resides, April 25, 1860, a son of William and Emily (Warriner) Whiteman. The grandparents of Mr. Whiteman, Jacob and Mary Whiteman, migrated to Rush county from Pennsylvania, in 1818, making the journey overland in true pioneer style and becoming early settlers of the new community, where they entered land from the Government. Here they rounded out long and useful lives in the pursuits of agriculture, and reared a family of seven children: William, Elkana, Minerva, Sarah, Jane, Mary Ann and Drusilla. William Whiteman was born in Rush county, where he was reared and educated, and after his marriage in Anderson township engaged in farming. During a long and industrious life he accumulated a property consisting of 188 acres, the greater part of which he cleared himself, and here his life's activities were passed in the peaceful pursuits of the soil. He and his

wife were the parents of six children: Clara, Horace G., Seward, Mary, Martha and Emma. The schools of Milroy furnished Horace G. Whiteman with his educational training, and when his studies were put aside he began farming in association with his father on the home place. At the time of his marriage he rented land from the elder man and continued to be a renter until 1909, in which year he purchased eighty acres of the home place. General farming and stock raising have constituted Mr. Whiteman's activities, and at present he is feeding all his grain to his hogs, of which he ships about two car loads annually. He has been industrious and persevering and has carried on his operations in an intelligent and modern way. Mr. Whiteman married Olive, daughter of John R. Mercer, and to this union there have been born five children: Chester, who married Susan Hilligoss and has two children, William and Helen Olive; Conde, who during the World war was a member of Battery B, One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Field Artillery, and after seeing active service at St. Mihiel and the Argonne accompanied the Army of Occupation into Germany, having the distinction of being the only boy from Anderson township who saw such service, returned safely to his home and married Hazel Coen; and Mercer, Gus and Walter, who reside on the home place and are unmarried. In his political belief Mr. Whiteman is a Republican, but he has never been active in public affairs, save as a good citizen supporting worthy measures. After more than sixty years in the same community, he finds himself firmly entrenched in the good will and regard of his fellow men, a man of unquestioned personal honor and fine consideration for all with whom he is thrown in contact.

WILLIAM McCOY CARR, who is recognized as one of the energetic and successful farmers of Rush county, operating a fine farm belonging to his mother in Richland township, is a native of Richland township and was born on August 14, 1887. He is a son of Milton C. and Pocahontas (McCoy) Carr, the former a native of Butler county, Ohio, and the latter of Richland township, Rush county. Milton C. Carr came from his native state to Rush county in his young manhood and here his first employment was as a farm hand for his brother. Later, after his marriage, he began farming operations on his own account, operating the land on which the subject of this sketch now lives. He farmed 142 acres and devoted himself to the operation of this farm, with energy and success, until his retirement in 1918, when he moved to New Salem. To him and his wife were born six children, namely: McCoy, Mildred, Robert B., Ruth, Frank H. and Jean Augusta. The subject of this sketch attended the common schools of Richland township and the high school at New Salem, graduating from the latter institution in 1906. After leaving school, he worked as a farm hand two seasons and then entered Wabash College, at Crawfordsville, Ind., where he was graduated in 1912 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He then returned to the home farm, to the operation of which he has since devoted his energies.

He carries on general farming, raising all the crops common to this section, and also gives some attention to live stock, feeding about 140 hogs a year. He is thoroughly practical and up-to-date in his methods and enjoys a reputation as an enterprising and progressive agriculturist. Mr. Carr was married on August 19, 1918, to Lillian Larinan, the daughter of Michael and Lillian (Brown) Larinan, and they have one child, Janet H. Mr. Carr is a member of the United Presbyterian church at Rushville and Mrs. Carr of the Baptist church. Fraternally, Mr. Carr belongs to the Free and Accepted Masons, while, politically, he is an ardent supporter of the Democratic party, having served as township assessor, and is the present member of the Democratic county central committee from Richland township.

GUY BUSSELL, a well-known and progressive young farmer of Union township, was born in the house in which he is now living in that township on August 30, 1882, son of John T. and Nancy (Smith) Bussell. He received his early schooling in the district schools of his home township and supplemented the same by a course at the central normal at Danville, Ind., after which for about three years he was located at Indianapolis. He then returned to the home farm and became engaged in farming in association with his father and so continued until in 1909 when he rented a farm of 172 acres and began farming on his own account, farming that place until he moved onto the place he is now occupying and is now farming 320 acres. In addition to his general farming Mr. Bussell gives considerable attention to the raising of live stock and is doing well in his operations. In 1912 Guy Bussell was united in marriage to Clara Schaeffer, who was born in Pennsylvania, daughter of Philip and Mary (Hurtig) Schaeffer, and to this union three children have been born, John Philip, Clarence and Edgar. Mr. and Mrs. Bussell have a very pleasant home and take an interested part in the community's general social activities. Mr. Bussell is a member of the Ben Davis Christian Church and is a deacon of the same. In his political affiliation he is a Republican and has ever taken a good citizen's interest in local civic affairs.

JAMES W. NORRIS, a well known retired farmer of Union township now living at Glenwood, is a native of Maryland, but has been a resident of Indiana since he was fifteen or sixteen years of age and has thus long regarded himself as a Hoosier for all practical purposes. He was born on a farm in Caroline county, Maryland, November 13, 1855, son of William and Sarah (Richardson) Norris, both of whom were born in that same state. William Norris was trained as a boy to the trade of cabinet maker, a vocation he followed for some time after his marriage, but later took up farming and was for eighteen years engaged as a farmer in his home county, continuing thus engaged until his appointment to the position of superintendent of the Caroline county (Maryland) infirmary, a position he occupied for years thereafter. He and his wife were the parents of seven children, three of whom are still living, James W. Norris having a

sister, Wilmina, and a brother, Thomas G. Norris. James W. Norris spent his boyhood in his home county of Caroline, Maryland, receiving his early schooling there, and in 1871 came to Indiana seeking employment and stopped in Franklin county for a time but presently went over into Union county and there became engaged as a farm hand, working "by the month," and so continued engaged there for some years, or until his marriage in that county to Geraldine Stanton, a resident of Union county, after which he rented a farm and established a home of his own. Mr. Norris continued farming there, operating a place of 178 acres, until he was appointed superintendent of the Union county infirmary, a position he occupied for three years, at the end of which time, in 1911, he came to Rush county and rented the McFarland farm in Union township. For five years he operated that tract of 450 acres and then retired from the farm and moved to Glenwood, but ten months later the lure of the farm proved too strong to resist and he rented the Baker farm of 220 acres and for three years operated that place, making his home on the farm. In March, 1919, he again retired and moved back to Glenwood, where he and his wife are now living, quite comfortably situated. Mr. and Mrs. Norris are Republicans and are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Fraternally, Mr. Norris is affiliated with the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias.

CHARLES A. MAUZY, a well known merchant at Rushville, the head of a long established business house that has been noted for its progressiveness and fair dealing for over fifty years, and vice-president of the Peoples National Bank and the Peoples Trust Company of Rushville, is a representative of one of the oldest families in the country. He is descended from Henry Mauzy, the founder of the family in this country, who was a Huguenot forced to flee from France to escape persecution shortly after the revocation of the edict of Nantes in 1685. Henry Mauzy first went to England, where he married the daughter of Doctor Conyer, and then came to Virginia. Through several successive generations, during which the Mauzy family spread to the four quarters of the land, the line is traced to Charles A. Mauzy, as follows: Henry, John, Henry, William, Peter, Abram Gooding, and Charles A. Abram Gooding Mauzy, the father of Charles A. Mauzy, was born in Bourbon county, Kentucky, in February, 1825. His early life was one of many hardships, having been left to fight life's battles alone. He was a marvel of industry all through his life, and in his few moments of rest he would read, and soon commenced to teach school. By hard work and pluck he saved enough money to go into the dry goods business in Spartansburg with R. M. Pomeroy, who in after years became president of the Union Pacific Railroad. Abram G. Mauzy married Emily R. Jameson in New Paris, Ohio, November 3, 1847, and in the early '50s moved to Rushville, where he continued in the dry goods business and grain business

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THE MAUZY COMPANY'S DEPARTMENT STORE

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until his two sons, Wesley J., and Charles A. Mauzy succeeded him. His first enterprise in Rushville was as a member of the firm of Hibben & Mauzy, and this name continued until 1865, when Mr. Mauzy bought out his partner and carried on the affairs of his store until 1883, when he retired. To him and his wife were born five children: Mary, widow of Edwin Payne, of Rushville; Charles A., Mrs. Sarah Mowers, of Rushville; Kate, wife of T. H. Parry, of Indianapolis, and Wesley J., who died in 1890. The mother of these children died in 1873. In 1874 Mr. Mauzy married Mrs. Lyda (Hibben) Jones. Mr. Mauzy died in 1905, and his widow in 1906. Charles A. Mauzy received his early education in the public schools of Rushville, and then attended Butler College at Irvington, Ind. In 1872, after leaving college, he returned to Rushville and engaged in the mercantile business with his father until the elder gentleman's retirement, when he, in company with his brother, Wesley J. and his cousins, George G. and Eddy H. Mauzy, in the year 1883, undertook the management of the business. The firm was then known as the Mauzy Company for a number of years, and then as Mauzy & Denning until 1910, since which time it has gone under the name of the Mauzy Company, which includes Charles A. Mauzy and his sons, Hugh E. Mauzy and Henry Louis Mauzy. The business is housed in a fine building on the corner of Main and Third streets in Rushville, and does the most extensive business of its kind in the county, keeping fully abreast of the trend of fashion and modern ideas. Charles A. Mauzy married Lillie M. Carr, a daughter of Houston Carr, and to their union three children have been born: Hugh E., Henry Louis, and Mary Louise. Hugh E. Mauzy, who is in business with his father, married Anna Ross and has two children, Judith and Janet. Henry Louis Mauzy, also a member of the Mauzy Company, married Gladys Henley and has two children, David Henley and Robert Jameson. Mary Louise Mauzy married George H. DeHority, of Elwood, Ind., and has two children, Charles Mauzy and George H., Jr. Charles A. Mauzy is a member of various fraternal organizations, is a Republican in his political views, and in his religious beliefs adheres to the tenets of the Christian church, of which he at one time was a deacon.

SCOTT WARD, one of the worthy native sons of Rush county, ranking with the energetic and enterprising class that has contributed to the later-day success of this favored section of the great Hoosier commonwealth, was born in Jackson township, this county, on December 18, 1881, and is the son of Leonard A. and Mary E. (Warfield) Ward, both of whom were natives of Rush county, where the father followed the vocation of farming. Leonard A. Ward and wife were the parents of seven children, as follows: Bertha, Fannie, Donald, Roy, Willie, Scott and Caroline, the last-named being deceased. Scott Ward spent his youth under the parental roof and secured his education in the schools of Jackson township. Then up to the time of his

marriage he assisted his father in the operation of the home farm. After his marriage he worked for about two years at the trade of a carpenter with his brother-in-law, but he then began farming on his own account, first as a renter for about nine years. He was industrious and a careful manager, so that he was enabled to purchase a farm of eighty acres, which he owned for about a year. Selling that, he then bought eighty acres of land in Center township, which he sold six months later and bought the place where he now lives in Posey township. The farm comprises 130 acres, well adapted to general farming operations, and he keeps the place well improved and in the best of condition. In addition to the cultivation of the soil, Mr. Ward also raises and markets about two carloads of hogs each year. Mr. Ward was married on October 13, 1907, to Bertha Kennedy, a native of Posey township and the daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Tribby) Kennedy, former a native of Rush county and the latter born in Kentucky. Mr. Kennedy was a farmer by vocation. He and his wife were the parents of nine children, of which number eight are living, namely: Elva, Ethel, Charles, Orva, Byrl, Samuel, Earl and Orville. To Mr. and Mrs. Ward have come a son, Lowell R., born on December 23, 1915. They are members of the Christian church and in politics Mr. Ward has been a firm supporter of the Democratic party. In all the relations of life he has proved true to every trust, being known as a careful and able business man and one whose integrity of purpose has never been questioned. Because of these characteristics he has won the respect and confidence of everyone.

FRANK WHITINGER, a well-known farmer and landowner of Orange township, this county, living on rural mail route No. 3 out of Rushville, was born on the farm on which he is now living and has lived there all his life. He was born on October 25, 1849, son of James and Rhoda (Hungerford) Whitinger, Ohioans, whose last days were spent on the farm here referred to and who in their days were among the best known residents of that community. James Whitinger and wife both were born in Hamilton county, Ohio, but not long after their marriage came over into Indiana and located in Orange township, this county, where they spent the remainder of their lives. James Whitinger was a good farmer and became the owner of a well kept place of 160 acres which he farmed until his death. He and his wife were the parents of four children, of whom three are still living, the subject of this sketch having two brothers, Richard and James Whitinger. Reared on the farm on which he was born in Orange township, Frank Whitinger received his schooling in the old Dodson, Hungerford and King school houses in that district and from his boyhood devoted himself to a farm career. He remained at home, a valued assistant in the labors of developing the home place, until his marriage when about twenty-two years of age and then he rented a portion of his father's farm and started out "on his own hook," continuing to remain there thus engaged until in the distribu-

tion of the estate nearly twenty years later he bought that portion of the place on which he is now living, a tract of seventy-five and one-half acres including the old home, and has continued to reside there, though of late years renting the fields and living practically retired from the active labors of the farm. Since coming into ownership of the place Mr. Whitinger has made numerous improvements on the farm and has an excellent place, well improved and well kept. The Whitingers are members of the Big Flat Rock Christian Church and have long given their interested attention to church work and general neighborhood good works. Mr. Whitinger is a Democrat but has never taken particularly active part in political affairs. On September 28, 1871, Frank Whitinger was united in marriage to Mary Elder, who was born in Rush county, daughter of Joseph and Matilda (Callahan) Elder and the only present survivor of the three children born of that parentage, and to this union four children have been born, namely: Rena, who married Jack Dwiggins, a farmer of Jennings county, this state, and has three children, Lawrence, Albert and Mary; Florence, who married Clyde Wagoner, a farmer of Orange township, this county, and has two children, Clifton and Floyd; Inez, who married Harry Albert, now living at Logansport, Ind., and has five children, Flossie, Crystal, Howard, Tessie and Mary; and Faran, an Orange township farmer, who married Nellie Barlow and has two children, Doris and Garland, Mr. and Mrs. Whitinger thus having twelve grandchildren, in all of whom they take much pride and delight.

WILLIAM H. PRINE, who has been engaged in general farming in Washington township, this county, for many years, was born on November 15, 1858, in Marion county, Indiana, a son of John F. and Mary (Maze) Prine. His father was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, and came to Indiana with his parents, James and Lydia Prine, the family locating in Rush county. James Prine secured a farm of eighty acres in Washington township, south of Raleigh, and there spent the rest of his life. Of his family of ten children but two survive, Martha and William H. John F. Prine grew up and attended school in Washington township. In 1849 when gold was discovered in California, he made the long and dangerous journey with thousands of others. In 1853 he returned to Indiana and married Mary Maze in Marion county, where he followed farming for the following ten years; then came back to Rush county and purchased a farm of 160 acres, which remained the family home. He died there on March 1, 1898, and his wife died on February 4, 1910. They were well known and highly respected people and had four children, James N., Joseph T., William H. and Margaret E., the last named born on February 9, 1861. William H. Prine was six years old when his parents moved from Marion to Rush county and he received his schooling in Washington township. On September 16, 1890, he married Ellen Rich, of Wayne county, Indiana, who died on October 21, 1911, leaving no issue. Mr. Prine has always taken some interest in local politics and is one of his township's leading Democrats.

RICHARD E. ABERNATHY, who is engaged in the battery business in Rushville, was born in Howard county, this state, but has been a resident of Rushville since he was seven years of age. His father was a native of Rush county and his grandfather was one of the pioneer residents of the county. The latter, John Abernathy, a native of the Old Dominion, came to Indiana from Virginia in the days of his young manhood and located in Rush county, settling on a farm in Union township, where he and his wife (Jemima Kinder) reared a family of six children, Jane, Robert, Isabelle, Mary, James and George, of whom but two, Mrs. Jane Nixon and Robert, are now living. George Abernathy, one of the sons of John Abernathy, the Virginian, was born in Rush county and received his schooling at Fairview. He married Sarah A. Carter and had eight children, all of whom are living, those besides the subject of this biographical sketch being John T., Norval L., Harry E., Mrs. Margaret Coy, Grace M., Ada and Kate F. As noted above Richard E. Abernathy was but seven years of age when his parents returned to this county from Howard county and he received his schooling in the Rushville schools. As a young man he became engaged in the lumber and furniture business at Rushville and continued thus engaged until in 1915, when he established a battery service station at the point where he is now located and has ever since been thus engaged, doing very well in his business, having started his business just at the right time to develop with the remarkable expansion which has marked the development of the automobile demand during the past few years. At the age of twenty-five years, Richard E. Abernathy was united in marriage to Flora Belle Stahly and to that union were born two children, Laura M. and Miriam (deceased.) Following the death of the mother of these children Mr. Abernathy married Rose Harper. Politically, Mr. Abernathy is "independent" in his views. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the local lodges of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Knights of Pythias at Rushville and has served two terms as secretary of the Odd Fellows lodge, in the affairs of which he has long taken an active interest.

JOHN H. POWER, one of the favorably known retired citizens of Rushville who are now enjoying the fruits of their earlier years of labor in quiet and comfort, was born on a farm in Anderson township, this county, February 21, 1846, a son of John D. and Mary Ann (Smisor) Power. John D. Power was still a lad when he lost his father, and when he was eight years of age was brought by his mother to Anderson township from Kentucky. Here he received somewhat limited educational advantages and early began farming, eventually becoming the owner of a farm of some value. His career, while an active one, was not rounded out in full, as he was called by death in middle age, when his son, John H., was but twelve years of age. He and his wife were the parents of the following children: George, who married a Miss Crawford; Thomas, who married a Miss Overleese; Nathan B., who married a Miss Murray; Emery J., who married a

Miss Spurgeon; Daniel, who married a Miss Whiteman; and John H. William S. and Richard M., the two first born, grew to manhood and are now deceased. Mrs. Elizabeth Power Overleese also is deceased and Amanda Alice died at the age of seven months. John H. Power attended the public schools of Orange and Anderson townships, after which he spent one year in study at Milroy, and a period at the Burton school. When he was twenty-one years of age he began farming on his own account, as a renter, and after some years bought a property of his own in Anderson township. On this he continued to carry on operations as a general farmer and stockman until his retirement to Rushville in 1906. He is a public-spirited citizen who gives his support to all worthy measures, and has won and held the confidence of those among whom he has resided in several communities. In politics Mr. Power is a Democrat, and his religious faith is that of the Christian church. His fraternal affiliation is with the Knights of Pythias. On October 27, 1871, Mr. Power married Viola, daughter of James and Evelyn Murray, of this county. To that union one child was born, a daughter, Mate Power, who married William Jay and died on October 31, 1913, leaving one child, a daughter, Viola Power Jay. Mrs. Viola Power died on March 21, 1906.

ALLEN S. BARNES, one of the honored retired farmers of Richland township, who has done much for the betterment of his community and is one of the substantial men of that part of the county, was born in Noble township, this county, on October 17, 1850, and was there reared, securing his educational training in the old Neff Corner school. After completing his studies he devoted his energy to work on the home farm, assisting his father until the latter's death. From the time of his marriage, however, the subject had been operating a part of his father's land on his own account. At the time of his father's death, he acquired possession of a part of the homestead and is now the owner of eighty-two acres. He operated this land with success and profit up to 1913, when he retired from active labor and has since lived quietly in his comfortable home, enjoying the fruits of his former years of toil. He always carried on a general line of farming, raising all the common crops and feeding his grain to hogs for market. Mr. Barnes was married to Otelia Winchel, the daughter of W. G. and Sarah Stevens Winchel, and to them was born a daughter, Daisy, who became the wife of Luther Gwinnup. Mr. and Mrs. Gwinnup are the parents of two children, Owen Ellis and Wilna Alliene. Owen E. Gwinnup married Florence Loffler and they have one child, Ruth Alice. Mrs. Barnes was born in Noble township, of which township her mother also was a native. Her father, who was born near Laurel, Ind., was a farmer for many years in Noble township, and also followed the trade of shoemaker, at which he was an adept. Of the eight children born to him and his wife, four are now living, namely: George, Otelia, Alvin C. and Melissa J. Mr. and Mrs. Barnes are faithful members of the Christian church, with which Mr. Barnes has been identified since 1875. Fra-

ternally, he is a member of the Improved Order of Red Men, and politically, he is a stanch supporter of the Republican party.

JAMES WHITINGER, a highly respected citizen and well situated general farmer and stockraiser of Anderson township, this county, has spent his life in this county and has devoted himself mainly to agricultural pursuits. He was born in Orange township on August 17, 1843, a son of James and Rhoda (Hungerford) Whitinger, who were born, reared and married near Venice, Butler county, Ohio. They had four children, Sarah (deceased), Richard, who lives at Milroy; James and Frank, the latter of whom is a resident of Orange township. The parents came as early settlers in 1839 to Rush county, the father buying 154 acres of land in Orange township, and this constituted the old homestead. James Whitinger had such school privileges as this section afforded at that time, grew up strong, sturdy and industrious, and worked for his father and other farmers in the neighborhood up to the time of his marriage, when he rented a tract of land. For seventeen years afterward Mr. Whitinger continued to farm on rented land, and then found himself able to purchase seventy acres, his present home farm. He now owns ninety-two acres and carries on general farming and stockraising. In 1872 Mr. Whitinger married India Forsythe, daughter of Asa Forsythe, and they have had three children, Wilmer (deceased), Edgar, who married Cora Laud and has one child, Helen; and Raymond, who resides at home. Mr. Whitinger and his sons are affiliated with the Democratic party. The family belongs to the Big Flat Rock Christian Church, Mr. Whitinger being church clerk.

JOHN H. VERNON, general farmer and public official in Orange township, this county, was born in Shelby county, Indiana, February 17, 1860, a son of Thomas P. and Mariah J. (Ayers) Vernon, natives of North Carolina and Shelby county, respectively. The father followed farming all his life. Of their family of twelve children the following are living: Jennie, Ollie M., Josephine, Minnie, Elijah A. and John H. John H. Vernon attended school in both Shelby and Hancock counties. In his earlier years he assisted his father and afterward worked for neighboring farmers up to the time of his marriage, when he began for himself on rented land. After renting for four years he bought seventy-eight acres in Orange township, Rush county, operated it for several years and then sold to advantage. Since then he has bought and sold other farms, his present farm in Orange township containing eighty acres. He has always carried on general farming and stockraising, paying much attention to hogs. On August 22, 1883, Mr. Vernon married Florence Harcourt, who was born in Orange township, this county, daughter of Nathan and Lucinda (Camerer) Harcourt, both of Rush county. Nathan Harcourt was a farmer and owned 375 acres of land. Of his family of seven children, the following are living: Oliver, Marion, Florence, Mary, Lina and Martha. Mr. and Mrs. Vernon's only child, Hazel, died when twenty-three years old and was buried in

the McCarty cemetery. Mr. Vernon is somewhat active in Democratic politics in Rush county and is serving his second term as a member of the township advisory board. He is a member of the board of directors of the First National Bank of Milroy. He is past chancellor commander of the Knights of Pythias at Milroy and he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Gowdy.

JOHN FULTON, a well-known and substantial farmer and landowner of Union township, now living retired from the labors of the farm, is a native Hoosier and has been a resident of this state all his life. He was born in the neighboring county of Franklin on July 1, 1848, son of James and Mary Ann (Smith) Fulton, both of whom also were born in Indiana of pioneer stock. James Fulton was a carpenter from the time he was fifteen years of age, his trade having been learned in Wayne county. He was married in Franklin county and established his home there. Though his work in connection with his building operations took him to several counties in this state and to other states at times he ever regarded Indiana as his home. He died in Missouri at the age of eighty-one years. James Fulton was twice married. By his first wife, Mary Ann Smith, he had four children, three of whom grew to maturity, the subject of this sketch and his sisters, Sarah Jane and Harriet, both now deceased. Upon the death of the mother of these children James Fulton married Susan Carpenter and to that union nine children were born, eight of whom are still living, all living in the West. John Fulton was reared in Franklin county and there received his schooling. He early became engaged in farming, working as a farm hand until his marriage at the age of twenty-four, when for a year he rented a farm with a view to starting farming on his own account, but the next year took up carpenter work with his father and was for three years thus engaged, at the end of this time returning to farming and buying a farm of forty-five acres in Franklin county, on which he made his home for seven years. In 1885 he sold that place and returned to Rush county, buying a tract of eighty-one acres in Richland township, where he remained for seven years, at the end of which time he bought another tract of eighty-five acres in the northern part of that same township and established his home there, remaining on that place for thirteen years. Then he bought the place on which he is now living, a farm of 176 acres, and has since made his home here, though some time ago reducing his acreage by selling to his son, Charles, seventy acres of the home place, and since his retirement from the active management of the farm has been renting out the 106 acres of the home place, and is continuing the development of an excellent piece of property. Mr. and Mrs. Fulton are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Glenwood and Mrs. Fulton has served the church as a class leader and has also been a Sunday school teacher for over twenty years. Mr. Fulton and his son are Democrats and have ever taken a proper interest in party affairs. On February 27, 1872, John Fulton was united in marriage to Phoebe Ellen Cupp, who was born in

Franklin county, this state, daughter of John H. and Mary A. (Davidson) Cupp, and to this union has been born one child, a son, Charles Fulton, who has been twice married, his first wife having been Eva Liming and his second, Pearl Kirk. John H. Cupp, father of Mrs. Phoebe E. Fulton, was a Kentuckian, born at Maysville, who came to Indiana with his parents, Joseph and Ellen (Lefler) Cupp, when he was eight years old, the family locating in this county, Joseph Cupp having entered land in Richland township. The family later moved to Metamora in Franklin county, where John H. Cupp grew to manhood. In that county he married Mary A. Davidson, who was born in Hancock county, this state, and after his marriage established his home on a farm in Franklin county and there spent the remainder of his life, becoming a substantial farmer and the owner of a fine farm of 220 acres. He and his wife were the parents of seven children, of whom four are still living, Mrs. Fulton having three sisters, Maria J., Angeline and Louise. The Fultons have a pleasant home on rural mail route No. 2 out of Glenwood and have ever taken an interested and hospitable part in the community's general social activities.

ROBERT A. INNIS, a well known retired manufacturer of Rushville and formerly and for years prominently connected with the industrial and commercial interests of this community, is a native son of Rush county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in Anderson township on January 25, 1859, son of William and Jennie (Buchanan) Innis, who were among the pioneers of Rush county, and whose last days were spent here, influential residents of the Milroy neighborhood. William Innis also was born in Anderson township, in 1826, a son of Alexander and Christian (Kirkpatrick) Innis, who had come here from Pennsylvania in the early '20s, and had become established in Anderson township, among the first settlers of the Milroy neighborhood, the Innis family thus having had representation in Rush county almost from the days of the beginning of a social order hereabout. Alexander Innis was a son of James and Ann (Arbuckle) Innis, the former of whom was a son of Francis and Marjorie (Millikin) Innis, natives of Scotland, who had come to this country in Colonial days. During the time of one of the Indian outbreaks in Colonial days the entire family of Francis Innis was captured by the Indians, the members of the family becoming separated by their captors. Just as the Indians were preparing to put Francis Innis to death a French trader chanced along and made a deal with the Indians whereby their captive was released, giving them goods as ransom, and the captive acknowledged an obligation to work for the trader until the amount of the ransom was compensated. Not long afterward the trader and his party met the band of Indians which held in captivity Francis Innis's wife, and they likewise ransomed her, the husband agreeing also to work in requital of this further sum.

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Some of the children of this distressed family never were recovered from their savage captors. It was afterward that James Innis was born. He grew to manhood in Pennsylvania, and when the colonists declared their independence he enlisted his services in behalf of the struggle for freedom from overseas rule, and became an active participant in the Revolutionary war, with which cause he continued constant until the close of the struggle, being mustered out as an ensign of the Ninth Battalion, Pennsylvania. James Innis enlisted as a private in the company of Captain Frazier, Fourth Pennsylvania Battalion, then commanded by Col. Anthony Wayne, who became one of the famous generals of the Revolutionary war. He served with that command from January 13, 1776, to January 24, 1777, when he re-enlisted, and was presently promoted to surgeon's mate. On February 4, 1779, he was promoted to ensign and thus served as a commissioned officer until the close of the war. At the battle of Stony Point he was captured by the British, but was later exchanged. He was with Washington's army during the memorable winter at Valley Forge, and rendered valorous service. For this he was given a grant to a tract of land in Pennsylvania when the Republic was set up and that land is still held in the Innis name, the family still being represented there. William Innis, son of Alexander Innis and grandson of James Innis, the Revolutionary war patriot, grew to manhood in Anderson township, where he was born, and remained there until 1879, when he moved with his family to Rushville and there became engaged in association with Mr. Pearce in the coal and lumber business, at the same time continuing to look after his land interests in Anderson township. It was during the time of this association that the Innis-Pearce furniture factory was established, Mr. Innis thus having been one of the founders of that important industrial concern. William Innis continued thus actively engaged in business at Rushville until his death in 1898. He and his wife were the parents of five children, of whom but two are now living, Robert A. and his brother, Perry T. Innis, the Milroy banker, of whom further mention is made elsewhere in this volume. Robert A. Innis was reared on the home farm in Anderson township, and was twenty years of age when his parents moved to Rushville. He had received his early schooling in the schools at Milroy and in the old Richland Academy, and this he supplemented during the years 1879 and 1880 by a course in the university at Valparaiso, after which he became engaged as a clerk in the store of Reeves & Burke at Rushville. Two years later he became associated with his father and Mr. Pearce in the planing mill, lumber and coal business at Rushville, and in 1883 was made secretary-treasurer of the company, which in 1900 was incorporated as the Innis-Pearce Company, and with which he continued actively connected until he sold his interest in 1918. Mr. Innis has been active in other ways in the industrial and

commercial life of his home town, and for years was treasurer of the Park Furniture Company, an interest which he also disposed of in 1918. He was one of the organizers of the Peoples Gas Company at Rushville, and for the past fifteen years has been treasurer of the same; he was also one of the organizers of the Peoples Loan and Trust Company of Rushville, and is a member of the board of directors of the Peoples National Bank. Mr. Innis is a Republican and he and his family are members of the United Presbyterian church, in which he long has been an elder. In 1886 Robert A. Innis was united in marriage to Jennie Archer, daughter of William and Orma (Potter) Archer, then of Vevay, Ind., and to this union two children have been born, Orma, who married Chester Smith, of Monmouth, Ill., and has three children, Robert Innis, Fletcher, and Chester James; and Ruth, wife of Russell Kirkpatrick.

ELI E. MARTIN, an enterprising business man and farmer of Washington township, this county, belongs to a prominent family of this section and is a native of Washington township. He is a son of Benjamin Franklin and Cora E. (Elwell) Martin, who now live retired at Raleigh, the former of whom was born in Wayne county and the latter in Rush county. His paternal grandfather, who died in 1885, was a veteran of the Civil war in which he held rank as lieutenant. Eli E. Martin has one brother, Benjamin F., and had one sister, Myra G., now deceased. He was educated in the public schools of Raleigh and for a time was a student in the department of civil engineering, Purdue University. His father having extensive agricultural interests in Washington township, Mr. Martin has been closely identified with the same since returning from the university and at present oversees 366 acres. He is progressive in his ideas and makes use of modern methods and machinery in carrying them to success. On December 24, 1913, Eli E. Martin married Mary, daughter of Samuel J. and Anna M. Finney, and they have two children, Martha P. and Mary Catherine. Mr. Martin is a thirty-second degree Mason and belongs also to the Elks and Knights of Pythias.

SHERMAN ONEAL, dealer in farm implements at Rushville, a member of the firm of Oneal Bros., and one of the well known business men of that city, is a native son of Rush county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in Washington township, son of James and Enfield (Stewart) Oneal, who were the parents of five sons, those besides the subject of this sketch being Jesse, William S., Lieu and Bert. James Oneal was born at Frederickstown, West Virginia, and was but a child when his parents, Robert and Martha Oneal, came to Indiana with their family and settled in Noble township, this county where they established their home on a farm. On that farm James Oneal grew to manhood and after his marriage established his home in the same township, where he reared his family. Reared on the farm, Sherman Oneal received his schooling in the schools of his home neighborhood. He early decided on a business career as better suited to his inclinations than that of farming and

in pursuit of this inclination entered into the farm implement business at Rushville in association with his brother, Lieu Oneal, the brothers doing business under the firm style of Oneal Bros. They have an excellent stock of goods in their line and are doing well in business. Sherman Oneal married Mollie Browne, also of this county, and to this union two children have been born, Lea and Mrs. Mildred Beaver. Mr. Oneal is a Democrat and has ever given a good citizen's attention to local political affairs. He also has taken an interested part in local fraternal society affairs and is a member of the Rushville lodges of the Knights of Pythias, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Red Men and the Woodmen.

JOSEPH M. FARLOW, a retired farmer and one of the representative men of Anderson township, this county, a farmer all his active life and a citizen concerned all his days in promoting the best interests of his neighborhood, was born in Orange township, this county, July 22, 1841, a son of Hiram and Elizabeth (Townsend) Farlow. His father was born in North Carolina and in youth accompanied his parents as pioneers to Indiana, where his father, George Farlow, entered eighty acres of land in Orange township, Rush county. George Farlow built a log cabin and as Hiram grew older he assisted his father to clear the land. Hiram Farlow was married in Orange township to Elizabeth Townsend, who was born in Delaware, and eleven children were born to them, three of these surviving: Joseph M.; Reuben, who lives also in Anderson township; and Amilda, who became the wife of Donald Seeright. Hiram Farlow had few educational advantages but he was a man of energy and sound judgment. To his first purchase of land he added until he owned 240 acres and both he and his son Joseph M. cleared many wild tracts of land. The Farlows were among the earliest substantial settlers in Orange township. Joseph M. Farlow had early school privileges in Orange township and assisted his father on the home farm until his own marriage, when he began farming for himself, for the first year and a half renting land in Anderson township. He then moved back to Orange township, where he rented land for ten years, at the end of which time he bought 124 acres in Anderson township, in the course of years adding to his holdings until he owned 264 acres. He has, however, sold all but his original homestead, which he continued to operate until 1912, when he retired. He has a beautiful property which he has finely improved, having erected all the substantial structures on the place. He carried on diversified farming and it was his policy to feed his corn to hogs, usually from seventy-five to 100 head a year. The wife of Mr. Farlow died on March 13, 1918. Of their six children the following are living: Maude, who married Leroy Lines and has two children, June and Joseph; Sallie, who married Roy Carr, of Homer, and had two children, Lena and Don, the latter of whom died at the Great Lakes Naval Station; Ruby, who Edna, who married Clifford Powers and has one child, Jean. Mertie who married Mary Powers and has two children, Enid and Lois; and

Edna, who married Clifford Powers and has one child, Jean. Mertie Farlow served as a captain in the Medical corps of the army during the World war and is still in the service, now attending Walter Reid Medical college at Washington. Mr. Farlow is one of the older members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Milroy and has served on its official board. In political life he is a Democrat. He has always taken an interest in educational matters and for a long time served as school director in his home district.

SHELTON M. BARNES, one of the enterprising farmers and public-spirited citizens of Richland township, and whose family were among the pioneer settlers of Rush county, is a native son of Rush county, having been born in Noble township on November 22, 1848. He is the son of Edward and Mary Ann (Stockwell) Barnes, both of whom were born and reared in Kentucky. In October, 1831, they came to Rush county and their marriage occurred here shortly afterwards. They located in Noble township, where he acquired a farm, but he later sold that and bought another farm of 160 acres, this being the place now owned by the subject of this sketch, and there he resided until his death, which occurred on August 30, 1887. His wife had died on April 13, 1870. Edward Barnes started in life as a poor boy, and got his start by day's work and the most rigid economy and good management. It is said that he split rails for the magnificent remuneration of 12½ cents a hundred. To him and his wife were born ten children, of which number only four are now living, Allen, Shelton, Eliza and Gertrude. The subject of this sketch received his educational training in the Richland township schools, after which he took up farming with his father, with whom he remained until the latter's death. He then engaged in farming on his own account and is now the owner of seventy acres of excellent and well improved land. He gives some attention to the raising of live stock. However, during the past two years Mr. Barnes has rented his land and is not now so closely connected with the working of the farm as formerly. Mr. Barnes is an earnest supporter of the Republican party and takes a keen and intelligent interest in all public affairs, especially as pertaining to his home community. His religious affiliation is with the Christian church. He has been a witness of the wonderful transformation which has taken place here during his life time of three score years and ten, always lending such aid as he could toward pushing forward the car of progress.

JOHN W. LINDALE, Sr., a well-known and substantial retired farmer of Noble township now living at Glenwood, and one of the few nonagenarians in Rush county, is a native of the state of Delaware but has been a resident of Indiana for nearly seventy years and has thus long accounted himself a Hoosier, "through and through." He was born in Kent county, Delaware, April 22, 1831, son of James M. and Eliza (Warren) Lindale, both of whom also were born in that state and who spent all their lives there. James M. Lindale was a farmer and his son John W. was thus reared on a farm. His school-

ing was much restricted by the meager school facilities of that time and place and was confined to attendance on a few short terms of winter school during his boyhood. As a young man he worked at farm labor for twenty-five cents a day and he continued farming in Delaware until he was twenty-three years of age when, in 1854, he came to Indiana with a view to improving his condition in the then rapidly developing industrial field hereabout. Upon coming to this state Mr. Lindale first located at Fayetteville, now known as Orange, in Fayette county, but the next year, 1855, came over into Rush county and presently rented a farm in Noble township and began farming on his own account. He occupied that farm as a tenant farmer for twenty years and then, about 1880, bought the place of 170 acres and continued to farm the same until about 1894, when he rented the farm to his elder son, James M. Lindale, and retired from the active operations of farm life, though he continued to make his home on the farm until he moved in 1913 to Glenwood, where he since has been living. Mr. Lindale has been a member of the Methodist church for a half century or more and has during most of that period been an office bearer in the church. By political affiliation he is a Republican and has ever taken a warm interest in civic affairs, though never entertaining aspirations to hold political office. On November 22, 1854, at Philadelphia, on his way west, John W. Lindale, Sr., was united in marriage to Maria Striker, daughter of Daniel and Katherine Striker, and to that union were born six children, of whom three, Thomas, Edward and Elizabeth, died in infancy and Susan, James and John survive. Susan Lindale married Avery Putnam and has two children, Ruth and Roy, the first named of whom married Everett Smock and has one child, a daughter, Elizabeth. James M. Lindale who died on January 22, 1915, married Lydia Ann Mack and had four children, Myrtle, Clarence, Myra and James, the latter of whom married Gladys Defibaugh. James Lindale served as a soldier during the time of America's participation in the World war and participated in the historic engagements at St. Mihiel, Verdun, the Argonne Forest and Chateau Thierry, suffering severe shell shock. Myrtle Lindale married the Rev. Eugene Lewis and has five children, Marion, Anna, Lindale, McGarvey and Virginia. The second daughter, Myra, is the widow of the late Harry Scott. John Lindale, who recently bought the old home place, married Eva Holmes.

RUSSELL RUFF, a progressive young farmer of Union township, was born in the house in which he is now living in that township on July 30, 1897, son of Earl and Elsie (Shortridge) Ruff, both of whom were born in the neighboring county of Fayette and who are now living retired at Glenwood. Earl Ruff, who as noted above was born in Fayette county, was bereft of his parents by death when he was but a small boy and he was reared by his grandmother in Union township, this county, where he grew to manhood, receiving his schooling in the schools of that neighborhood. He grew up to the

farm and after his marriage became engaged in farming on his own account, starting as a renter on the farm of 275 acres on which his son Russell is now living and continued farming there until 1900 when he moved over into Fayette county and was there engaged in farming until 1908, in which year he came into his inheritance in the family estate and returned to his place in this county, the farm now operated by his son, where he remained until 1913 when he retired from the farm and moved to Glenwood, where he and his wife are now living. They have two children, the subject of this sketch and his sister, Edna. Russell Ruff was reared on the farm on which he was born and received his schooling in the schools at Fairview and Glenwood. From the days of his boyhood he was interested with his father in the operations of the home farm and after his marriage in the spring of 1917 rented the home place from his father and established his home there, continuing his farming operations along up-to-date lines. In addition to his general farming Mr. Ruff gives considerable attention to the raising of live stock and annually feeds out about 125 head of hogs. On April 25, 1917, Russell Ruff, then in his twentieth year, was united in marriage to Effie Matney, daughter of Lewis and Rhoda (Winchell) Matney. Mr. and Mrs. Ruff have a pleasant home in the Glenwood neighborhood and have ever taken an interested part in the community's social activities. They are members of the Christian church at Glenwood and Mr. Ruff is a member of the Orange lodge of Masons. He and his wife are Republicans.

FRANKLIN D. MILES, a thoroughly experienced farmer and well known citizen of Washington township, this county, was born in that township, May 16, 1863, a son of Richard S. and Phoebe (Parish) Miles. Richard S. Miles was born in Steuben county, New York, a son of Loren and Phoebe (Wass) Miles and in boyhood accompanied his parents to Indiana, the family first settling in Rush county and in 1837 moving to Blackford county. When twenty years old he returned to Rush county and worked for farmers until his marriage, when he bought 160 acres of land in Washington township to which he subsequently added until he owned 211 acres. To his marriage with Phoebe Parish two children were born, William and Franklin Dellbert. After the death of his first wife he married, in 1870, Jane Spencer, who was born in Fayette county, and they had five children: Phoebe, Ola, Charles, Richard and Eliza, the last named being deceased. Franklin Dellbert Miles obtained his education in Washington township and ever since leaving school has engaged in farming for himself. He bought eighty acres in Washington township, the value of which he has greatly increased through careful tillage and a large amount of substantial improving. He makes a specialty of pure bred Jersey cattle, carries on a general agricultural line and has always been numbered with the capable farmers of the township. On April 25, 1887, Franklin D. Miles married Ada Hall, who was born in Rush county, and they have one son, Ralph H., who was born at Anderson, Ind., but was reared in Washington township. Ralph H.

Miles attended the common school here and the high school at Rushville and afterward Purdue University. He married Lorene Smith, daughter of Dr. Frank Smith, of Rushville, and they have two children, Olive Marjorie and Richard Smith. Mr. Miles has always taken an intelligent interest in public affairs and in his political views is a Democrat. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity at Raleigh.

MRS. JOHN B. McCARTY, of Rushville, was born in this county and has resided here all her life save a period during the days of her girlhood when her parents for some years made their home in Madison county. Her father, Peter Mauzy, was a native of the Blue Grass state, born in Bourbon county, Kentucky, who was but five years of age when his parents came up into Indiana and located on a farm in Union township, this county, where he grew to manhood and where he married Mary Jane Wilson. Some years after his marriage he moved with his family to Madison county, this state, where he purchased a farm and for sixteen years thereafter was engaged in farming there. At the end of this time he returned to Rush county and bought a farm in Jackson township, which tract is still in the ownership of the family, being now jointly owned by Mrs. McCarty and her brother, Greeley Mauzy. Mrs. McCarty was but a babe when her parents moved from this county to Madison county and she received her early schooling in the schools of the latter county, completing the same in the schools of Jackson township, this county, upon the family's return here. At her home in Jackson township she was united in marriage to John B. McCarty, of Madison county, and for fifteen years after their marriage she and Mr. McCarty continued to reside on the home place there. At the end of that time they retired from the farm and moved to Rushville, where Mr. McCarty spent his last days, his death occurring there on January 18, 1918. Since the death of her husband Mrs. McCarty has continued to make her home in Rushville and has a very pleasant home at 321 West Tenth street, where she and her children are quite comfortably situated. Mrs. McCarty has five children, Ida J., Greeley P., Ithemer M., Carl R. and Pearl S. Ida J. McCarty married R. Brooks, of Hancock county, and has three children. Pearl S. McCarty married Robert Kraig and has one child, Castle M. Bell, a son by a former marriage.

ALBERT McMICHAEL, who spent the greater part of a busy, useful life in Rush county, where he is well remembered for many estimable traits of character, was born at Manilla, Rush county, on May 25, 1849, and died on August 9, 1915. He was a son of John and Margaret McMichael, who removed with their children to Illinois during Albert's infancy. He obtained his schooling in that state and remained there until sixteen years old, then returned to Rush county, which section continued to be his home during the rest of his life. From boyhood he was industrious and never had any difficulty in securing farm work for his employers found him steady and reliable. Following his marriage he continued to work on farms and by the day for about ten years, then rented land and operated it and also

worked through the county with a threshing outfit. Later he bought the farm of 100 acres on which his widow yet resides. On November 23, 1871, he married Emily Smith, daughter of James T. and Sarah A. (Scott) Smith, and three children were born to them, Frank, Edith and Ethel, all of whom now have family circles of their own. Frank McMichael married Nina Wertz, the only surviving child of Hiram and Louise (Posey) Wertz, her father born in Preble county, Ohio, and her mother born in Walker township, Rush county. Mrs. McMichael was born in Posey township, Rush county, and had two brothers, Hanson and Charles. Her father came to Rush county in 1870, bought 103 acres of land in Rushville township, operated it for some years and then sold, moving at that time to Rushville, where his death occurred on March 28, 1912. Her mother survives and resides in Jackson township. Edith McMichael married George Lawson. Ethel McMichael married William Cameron, and they have the following children: Carl, Lillian, John, Weldon, Denzel, Lavon, Catherine and William. In politics Mr. McMichael was a Democrat, to which party organization his son Frank also belongs. The McMichael family has membership in the Methodist Protestant church at New Salem.

ERNEST B. THOMAS, secretary of the Peoples Loan and Trust Company of Rushville and former recorder of Rush county, is a native son of Rush county and has lived here all his life save for a brief period spent in the West, during the days of his young manhood. Mr. Thomas was born at Milroy on November 25, 1867, and is a son of the late Dr. Samuel C. and Emily (Clements) Thomas, the latter of whom was born in Franklin county, Indiana, daughter of Isaac and Nancy (Birt) Clements, natives of Maryland. Dr. Samuel C. Thomas, who was for many years engaged in the practice of medicine at Milroy, was born in Hamilton county, Ohio, March 5, 1832, first born of the eleven children born to John and Abigail (Carter) Thomas, the latter of whom was born in New Jersey in 1814, her parents afterward becoming residents of Darke county, Ohio. John Thomas was born in Bourbon county, Kentucky, in 1806, a son of Daniel Thomas, a member of one of the real pioneer families of the old Blue Grass state. John Thomas moved with his family from Hamilton county to Darke county (Ohio) and for more than twenty-five years served as a justice of the peace in and for his home township in the latter county. He died there in 1879, and his widow's last days were spent in Rush county, her death occurring at Milroy in 1887. Doctor Thomas's boyhood was spent at Carthage, Ohio, and he was eleven years of age when he went to live with the family of his Grandfather Carter in Darke county, where he remained until 1850, when, he then being eighteen years of age, he came over into Indiana and became engaged as a schoolteacher at Milroy. He continued thus engaged for three years, in the meantime taking preparatory studies in medicine, and in 1853 entered old Asbury

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(DePauw) University at Greencastle. After two years at the university he matriculated at the Eclectic College of Medicine, Cincinnati, and in 1858 was graduated from that institution. Thus qualified for the practice of the profession to which he had devoted his life, Doctor Thomas returned to Milroy and there entered upon his long and useful career as a physician. In the fall of that same year he married and established his home at Milroy, where he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring there on April 7, 1914. His wife had preceded him to the grave nearly fifteen years, her death having occurred on April 12, 1899. It was on October 14, 1858, that Dr. Samuel C. Thomas was united in marriage to Emily Clements, who had been engaged as a teacher in the schools of this county, and to that union were born six children, Abigail F., Kate A., Ernest B. and Perlee W. (twins), Clifford C. and Claude B. Perlee W. Thomas died on May 20, 1885, and Clifford C. died in April of the same year. Doctor Thomas was a Republican and a Freemason. He and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church and their children were reared in that faith. Ernest B. Thomas was reared at Milroy, where he received his early schooling. He supplemented this by a course in Moores Hill College and then in the winter of 1886-87 was engaged as a teacher in the schools of this county, in the following spring going to Cimarron, Kan., where he became engaged as a bookkeeper in the local offices of the St. John & Marsh Lumber Co. A year later he returned to Indiana and entered DePauw University, but before completing the course there his health declined and he returned west, resuming his connection with the lumber company with which he formerly had been connected, this time in that company's Topeka offices. In 1891 Mr. Thomas returned to Milroy and was for four years thereafter engaged in the hardware business at that place, in association with W. L. McKee. In 1894 he received the Republican nomination for recorder of Rush county and in the November election of that year was elected. He was re-elected in 1898 and thus served for more than eight years, his term of service beginning on August 25, 1895, and terminating on January 1, 1904. Upon the completion of his term of public service Mr. Thomas engaged in the abstract business at Rushville, and has since maintained that line. When the Peoples Loan and Trust Company was organized at Rushville in 1909 he was made assistant secretary and was presently advanced to the position of secretary of the trust company, which position he now occupies. During the time of America's participation in the World war Mr. Thomas served as chairman of the Rush county chapter of the American Red Cross and is still serving on the executive board of this chapter. In June, 1921, he was called on by the Federal Loan Board to make a trip to Porto Rico and investigate the advisability of establishing a Federal farm loan bank there, on which mission he sailed on June 29. Mr.

Thomas is a Freemason, also a member of the local lodges of the Knights of Pythias and the Improved Order of Red Men and he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. On March 4, 1891, Ernest B. Thomas was united in marriage to Glen Wheeler, of Dearborn county, this state, and to this union two children have been born, Ruth and Dorothy, the former of whom died in infancy. Dorothy Thomas was married on November 10, 1918, to Glen R. Tucker, of Greencastle, Ind., and has a son, William Thomas, born on January 26, 1920.

JAMES B. HALL, who is numbered among the successful agriculturists and stock men of Richland township, this county, whose efforts and influence have contributed to the material upbuilding and general prosperity of their respective communities, was born in Decatur county, Indiana, on September 10, 1884, and is the son of Harlan and Margaret (Green) Hall, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of Decatur county. While still a small child, Harlan Hall was brought by his parents to Decatur county, where he grew to manhood and received his educational training in the public schools. He was a veteran of the Civil war and his lifelong vocation was farming, in which he was successful, and he bore a reputation as a progressive and loyal citizen of his community. To him and his wife were born seven children, of which number five are now living, namely: Frank E., Nellie G., Katie, Eugene and James B. James B. Hall received his education in the common schools of his native county, after which he worked on the home farm, later being employed in that vicinity as a farm hand. In 1902 Mr. Hall came to Rush county and was here employed at farm work up to the time of his marriage. He then rented a farm of about seventy acres, to the operation of which he devoted himself, and has continued as a renter to the present time. He is now operating 160 acres of land and has made a splendid success of his work, being numbered among the industrious and enterprising agriculturists of his community. He carries on general farming operations, and also gives some attention to the feeding of live stock, handling annually from one to two carloads of cattle, besides some hogs. In 1908 Mr. Hall was married to Ethel Green, a daughter of George and Mary Green, and this union has been blessed in the birth of three children, Hugh S., Betty Jane and Mary Macel. Mr. Hall and his family are members of the United Presbyterian church at Rushville, to which they give generous support. Mr. Hall is always found in the forefront in support of every movement for the advancement of the general welfare of the community and, because of his industry and character, he stands deservedly high in popular esteem.

JESSE W. PETERS, one of the best known farmers in Rush county and a substantial landowner of Union township, where he makes his home, has for years been particularly attentive to the local movements having to do with the promotion of the interests of the agriculturists of this county as well as of the general agricultural interests of the country and has something more than a local reputa-

tion along that line. When the farmers of Union township organized a local branch of the Farmers' Federation Mr. Peters was elected president of the organization and when the farmers of Rush county combined their township organizations into a central county organization he was made the treasurer of the new organization, and in both his official and private capacity has never neglected an opportunity to advance the cause thus so efficiently represented hereabout. Mr. Peters is a member of one of the old families of Rush county and has ever had the basic interests of the county and of its people close to his heart. He was born at Ging Station in Union township on March 8, 1874, son of Alfred R. and Freelove (Gifford) Peters, the latter of whom was born in the neighboring county of Fayette, a member of one of the pioneer families of that county, and is still living, now making her home at Rushville where she was resided for about twenty years past. Alfred R. Peters, who died at his home in Rushville nearly fifteen years ago, was widely known throughout the northern part of the county where the greater part of his life was spent. He was born on a farm in the immediate vicinity of the village of Carthage and was a son of John and Elizabeth Peters, the latter of whom was born in Kentucky but had been a resident of Rush county since the days of her girlhood. John Peters was born in Orange township, this county, a member of one of the real pioneer families of that section of the county, and became a substantial farmer. He spent all his life in Rush county and was an influential citizen in his generation. Alfred R. Peters learned the carpenter trade in his young manhood and followed that occupation until he opened a store at Ging Station, building his store room himself, and was for years engaged in the general mercantile business there. In 1881 he sold his store and bought the farm on which his son Jesse is now living and farmed there until about 1902 when he retired from the farm and moved to Rushville where his last days were spent, his death occurring there in 1907. Alfred R. Peters at the time of his death was the owner of 320 acres of land besides other property, and had long been regarded as one of the substantial citizens of the county. As noted above, his widow is still living at Rushville. They were the parents of two children, sons both, the subject of this sketch and Walter W. Peters. Jesse W. Peters was reared in this county and supplemented the schooling he received in the local schools by a course in the agricultural college of Purdue University, seeking there a further grasp on the problems of agriculture which he had noted arising about him not only on his father's farm but on the farms of his neighbors. Thus equipped for agriculture along somewhat more scientific lines than were commonly regarded in those days, that being in the days before the advantages of the agricultural schools were as generally recognized as they are today, he returned to the home farm and was associated with his father in the operation of the home place until his marriage at the age of twenty-one when he established his home on his father's other farm north of Ging where he remained until he moved to the

place on which he is now living in Union township and where he and his family are very comfortably situated. Mr. Peters owns 100 acres in that tract but is farming also an adjacent tract of sixty acres belonging to his mother in order to give him such scope as he deems desirable for the operations he is carrying on. As may be taken for granted Mr. Peters is conducting his operations along up-to-date lines and has what perhaps may be regarded as a model farm though he may be too modest in his estimate to say this of it himself. His theories of farming are both practical and "scientific" and his interest in the general extension of agricultural interests has been such as to advance him to positions of influence in the locally organized bodies seeking that end, as has been set out in the introduction to this brief biographical sketch. In 1895, Jesse W. Peters was united in married to Elsie Gordon, who was born in the neighboring county of Fayette, and to this union six children have been born, George, Mary, Herschel, Dale, Alice and David (deceased). Both George and Hershel Peters served their country during the period of America's participation in the recent World war, the former in the navy and the latter in the motor truck corps, and are now assisting their father in the operations of the home farm. Mary Peters married William Meyer and has two children, Walter Jesse and Martha May. Mr. Peters and his family are Republicans and take an earnest interest in local political affairs. Mr. and Mrs. Peters are members of the Ben Davis Christian Church and Mr. Peters is now clerk of the congregation and has also served as treasurer and as deacon. Mrs. Peters's parents, Milton and Mary (Smiley) Gordon, were both born in Fayette county, members of old families there. Milton Gordon was a son of David and Emily (Tyner) Gordon, the latter of whom was born in the neighboring county of Franklin, a member of one of the real pioneer families there. David Gordon was born in North Carolina and became a resident of Indiana in 1822, the rest of his life being spent in Fayette county. Milton Gordon was married in Fayette county and remained there until 1881 when he came with his family to Rush county and located in Union township, where he became the owner of an excellent farm of 126 acres and where he remained until 1918. His wife died in December, 1907. He and his wife had two children, Mrs. Peters having a brother, Wilbert R. Gordon, now residing at Indianapolis.

JOHN B. MORRIS, a well-known hardware dealer at Rushville and recognized as one of the leading merchants of that place, is a native son of the old Buckeye state but has no cause for regretting the decision which some years ago made him a resident of the Hoosier state. He was born in Allen county, Ohio, son of George and Sarah V. (Cunningham) Morris, and was reared in that county, receiving his schooling in the schools of his home county. It was in 1906 that Mr. Morris came to Indiana and located at Rushville. Upon coming here he became engaged in the hardware business on North Main street. He sold that store in 1911 and located at the site now occupied by him and has ever since been thus engaged, in this time having

built up by progressive methods quite a prosperous business. He carries a full line of general hardware and accessories pertaining to such a stock and is doing well. Mr. Morris has ever taken a good citizen's interest in local governmental matters. He is a member of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias and takes a proper interest in the affairs of that order. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church. Mrs. Morris also was born in Allen county, Ohio, and her name before her marriage was Lulu Bernet. Mr. and Mrs. Morris have two children, Richard B. and Eloise, both of whom are now (1921) attending school.

JOHN C. BENNING, an experienced farmer of Orange township, this county, was born in Franklin county, Indiana, November 8, 1857, a son of Charles and Katherine (Brinkman) Benning. His parents were born in Germany but from childhood lived in the United States and were married at Oldenburg, Ind. They had a family of eight children, three of whom are living: John C.; Charles, of Milroy, this county, and Josephine, of Cincinnati, Ohio. The father was a farmer in Franklin county. John C. Benning had school privileges in Franklin county until he was thirteen years old, at which age he started out as a farm hand and worked as such until he was twenty-eight years of age. Then he married and began farming on his own account, renting the farm on which he lives from his mother-in-law for nine years and then buying it. He has prospered as a general farmer and raises a car load of hogs yearly. On September 11, 1884, John C. Benning married Lina Harcourt, daughter of Nathan and Lucinda (Camerer) Harcourt. At one time the father of Mrs. Benning owned 375 acres of land in Rush county. Mr. and Mrs. Benning have two sons: Clifford, a traveling salesman for a grocery house at Connersville, Ind., who married Carrie Branson; and Roscoe, now in the grocery business at St. Paul, Ind., who married Mary Marshall. Mr. Benning has always voted with the Democratic party. He and wife are members of the Big Flat Rock Christian Church.

PERRY GOSNELL, a progressive farmer and stock raiser of Orange township, this county, now living retired at Shelbyville, Ind., was born in Jasper county, Illinois, January 6, 1860. His parents were Washington and Malissa (Sanger) Gosnell, both of whom were born in Kentucky. They had sixteen children and of these the following are living: Washington, David, George, Henry and Perry. The father was a school teacher and after moving to Illinois was a farmer there for many years. Perry Gosnell attended school in Madison county, Indiana, after which he worked as a farm hand for fifteen years, then rented 160 acres of land in Orange township, this county, for two years, and following this for two years more worked as a farm hand. After his marriage in 1884 Mr. Gosnell rented land again in Orange township, a tract of 160 acres, where he remained for twenty-two years, in the meanwhile buying and selling several other farms. He never lived on those farms although he operated them and his investments turned out well. In 1900 he bought seventy-two acres

of his present estate in Orange township, to which he subsequently added 198 acres, of which total he has sold fifty acres. His farm of 250 acres all lies within one square with the exception of a tract of fifty acres which is located in another part of Orange township. On November 11, 1920, Mr. Gosnell retired from the farm and moved to Shelbyville, where he owns a modern dwelling at 503 Elm street. He still retains supervisory charge of the farm and carries on general farming and feeds a large amount of stock, about 150 head of hogs and a car load of cattle annually. There are not many places in Rush county so substantially improved as this farm. Mr. Gosnell has put up a complete set of new buildings, including an attractive residence, two barns and all necessary outbuildings, has done a large amount of tiling and has two silos. He uses modern methods in carrying on his work and owns a Titan tractor. On January 10, 1884, Perry Gosnell married Jeanette Stewart, who was born in Orange township, this county, daughter of Joseph and Agnes (Meek) Stewart, both born in Decatur county, Indiana. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart had seven children and three besides Mrs. Gosnell are living, Robert, Nannie and Guy. Mr. and Mrs. Gosnell have two sons: Harry, a farmer in Orange township, who married Gertrude Malcolm and has four children, Helen, Melvin, Robert and Floyd; and Ralph, who is the farmer on the homestead. He married Ida Brown and they have one child, Lowell. Mr. Gosnell is a Republican. He is a member of the Odd Fellows lodge at Blue Ridge.

ERBAN B. VICKREY, a well known farmer, stockman and landowner of Union township, residing on rural mail route No. 1 out of Falmouth, is a member of one of the pioneer families of Rush county and has lived in this county all his life with the exception of a few years during the period of his early childhood when his family resided in Tipton county. He was born on a farm in Washington township on April 6, 1870, son of George and Mary (McCann) Vickrey, the latter of whom was born in the neighboring county of Henry. George Vickrey was born in Washington township, this county, son of Martin Vickrey, who had come to Indiana from Virginia and had settled in that township in pioneer days. Reared in Washington township, George Vickrey continued farming there after his marriage, remaining there until about 1873 when he moved with his family to Tipton county, where he remained until the death of his wife in 1877, after which he moved to Lewisville, but not long afterward went to Wabash county where he became engaged in farming in association with his brother. His last days were spent in Marion, Ind. where he died in 1899. To him and his wife were born three children, of whom two are living, Erban B. Vickrey having a sister, Lydia, wife of Charles Hughes. Erban B. Vickrey was but seven years of age when his mother died and he was reared in the home of his aunt at Raleigh, this county, receiving his schooling in the schools of that village. As a young man he went to Fort Wayne, Ind., and was there employed for about eighteen months, at the end of which time he returned to

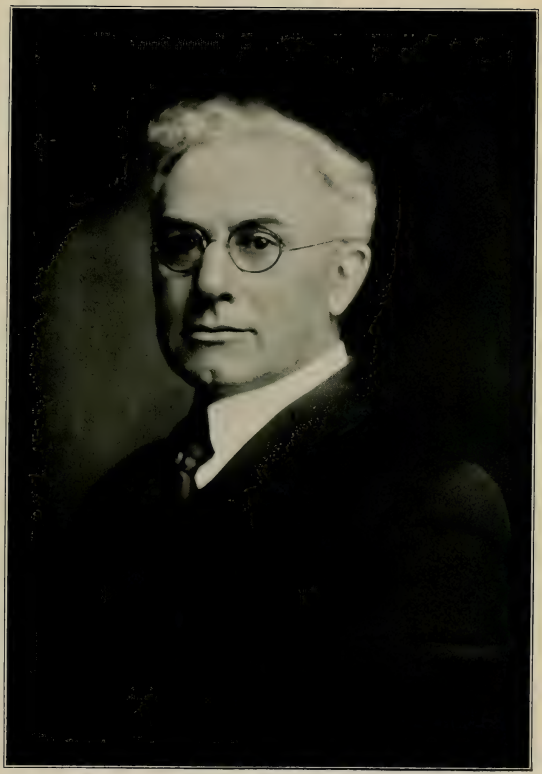
Rush county and was here engaged as a farm hand until his marriage about three years later when he rented a farm and began farming "on his own." A few years later he started farming on his wife's place of forty acres and established his home on the same. As his affairs prospered Mr. Vickrey added to this holding until now he is the owner of an excellent farm of 307 acres in Union and Washington townships. In addition to his general farming Mr. Vickrey has given considerable attention to the raising of live stock and during the past year fed out about 300 head of hogs. In 1891 Erban B. Vickrey was united in marriage to Amanda Kirkpatrick, daughter of Samuel and Charlotte (Carson) Kirkpatrick, and to this union three sons have been born, Lowell, Virgil and Floyd, the first named of whom married Sallie Logan and has one child, Loren Logan Vickrey. Virgil Vickrey married Leona Mull and has one child, Mull Warren Vickrey. The Vickreys are members of the Fairview Christian Church and Mr. Vickrey is a member of the board of trustees of the same and an elder of the church. In his political affiliation he is a Democrat. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the local lodge of the Masons at Falmouth.

CHARLES BOYS, one of the prosperous farmers of Rushville township, has earned the respect and confidence of his fellow citizens, and the reputation of being an excellent agriculturist. He was born in Anderson township, this county, April 27, 1873, son of John Gilbert and Elizabeth A. (Innis) Boys, natives of Jasper county, and Anderson, Ind. John G. Boys was a farmer and for thirteen years was a rural mail carrier, but is now retired. He and his wife had two children, Charles Boys having a sister, Mrs. Nettie M. Powell. Growing up in Rushville township, Charles Boys attended district school No. 8, and after he left school began making himself useful on the farm. After several years devoted to agricultural pursuits he moved to Rushville and for fourteen years worked at the Innis-Pearce furniture factory. In 1920 he returned to the farm, which he bought after the death of his mother, and is still operating it, a well cultivated tract of eighty acres, doing general farming and raising about 100 head of hogs annually. On January 31, 1905, Charles Boys was married to Florence Pierson, daughter of Lorenzo B. and Mary Pierson. Mrs. Boys was born in West Virginia, but was reared and educated in Noble township, this county. Mr. and Mrs. Boys have one daughter, Mildred. They are members of the United Presbyterian church at Rushville. Mr. Boys is a Republican. In everything he has undertaken he has displayed a willingness to give of the best that is in him and is interested in general community activities.

GEORGE E. CAMERON, one of the leading citizens and representative farmers of southeastern Rush county, is a native of Franklin county, Indiana, where he was born on December 7, 1880. His parents, W. A. and Rachel (McCready) Cameron, were also born in Franklin county. When but a small child, W. A. Cameron accompanied the family on their removal to Harrison, Ohio, where he grew to

manhood and received his education. On attaining his majority Mr. Cameron returned to Franklin county, Indiana, where his marriage occurred, and then applied himself to farming. About 1897 he came to Rush county, locating in Richland township where he bought 240 acres of land. He gave his attention indefatigably to the operation of this land up to the time of his retirement, in 1912, when he went to New Salem to reside. He was also the owner of eighty acres of land in Franklin county and followed farming pursuits all the active years of his life. To him and his wife were born six children, of whom the only ones now living are the subject of this sketch and a sister, Bessie. George E. Cameron is indebted to the common schools of Franklin county and after completing his studies he went to work on his father's farm, where he remained until his marriage, when he rented eighty acres of land from his father, which he now operates. This land is eligibly situated and is well improved and here Mr. Cameron carries on general farming operations, in which he has met with a gratifying success. Mr. Cameron married Jessie Beaver, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Beaver, and they have two children, Floyd and Walter Dean. Politically, Mr. Cameron gives his support to the Republican party.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN GARY, a member of the bar of the Rush Circuit Court, senior member of the law firm of Gary & Bohannon; former superintendent of schools of Rush county and a practising attorney, with offices at Rushville, since 1907, is a native son of Rush county, and is a member of one of the county's pioneer families. He was born in a log cabin on a farm in Posey township on March 7, 1868, son of the Rev. Thomas B. and Phoebe J. (Ball) Gary, the latter of whom was born in this county on April 11, 1837, daughter of Jonathan and Asenath (Moore) Ball, who had come to this county with their family from Pennsylvania in the fall of 1836. The Balls are an old Colonial family, the first of the name of the Rush county line having been Col. Joseph Ball, who was one of seven brothers who settled on the east bank of the Rappahannock river, in Lancaster county, Virginia, in the early part of the seventeenth century. Joseph Ball had five sons and one daughter. One of these sons, Joseph Ball, born in 1698, had four sons and two daughters, one of which sons, Zopher Ball, born in 1724, was a soldier of the Revolution. Zopher Ball had six sons, one of whom, Caleb Ball, born at Frederick, Va., in 1755, also was a soldier of the Revolution and likewise served as a soldier of the War of 1812. At Cumberland, Va., Caleb Ball married Phoebe Walton, who was born at Frederick, Va., in 1766, a kinswoman of George Walton, colonial governor of Georgia and one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. To this union were born eight children, Amos, Jonathan, Caleb, Henry, William, Asenath, Sarah and Mercy. The mother of these children died at the home of her son, Jonathan Ball, in this county in the '40s. Jonathan Ball, second in



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order of birth of the eight children born to Caleb and Phoebe (Walton) Ball, was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, January 2, 1797, and on February 24, 1820, married Asenath Moore, who was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, December 2, 1802. In the fall of 1836 Jonathan Ball, with his wife and seven children, came to Indiana, driving through with an ox team and a "Democrat" wagon, and arrived at Rushville after about four weeks of travel. They spent the greater part of the following winter in and near Rushville, where Jonathan Ball, who had learned the tailor's trade when a boy, was able to support his family with his needle. He later purchased a farm on Little Blue river, in Posey township, and by his industry, clearing the forest by day and working at his trade at night, gained further holdings to which he gradually added until he became the owner of more than 1,000 acres of Rush county land. Jonathan Ball died on May 13, 1867, and his widow survived until April 22, 1897, she then being in the ninety-fifth year of her age. To Jonathan and Asenath (Moore) Ball were born ten children (three having been born after their arrival in Rush county), namely: Samuel M., Henry, Demosthenes, William G., Mary Moore, Cyrus W., Caleb A., Phoebe Jane, Sarah E. and Emily E., all of whom grew to maturity save Sarah E., and as most of these in turn had children of their own, the Ball connection hereabout in the present generation is a no inconsiderable one. Phoebe Jane Ball, eighth child and second daughter of Jonathan and Asenath (Moore) Ball, was born in this county on April 11, 1837, and on September 7, 1858, was united in marriage to the Rev. Thomas B. Gary, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church, a circuit rider, who had charges throughout Wayne, Fayette and Rush counties. The Rev. Thomas B. Gary was born in Erie county, New York, January 15, 1835, and when four years of age came to Indiana with his parents, the family coming down the Ohio with their belongings in a flat boat and settling in the Bennington neighborhood, back of Vevay, in Switzerland county. After his marriage Mr. Gary continued his itinerary for some time and then, in 1865, settled on a farm in Rush county and for twenty years thereafter continued his ministerial labors (in addition to the operation of his farm), filling appointments as "supply" in pulpits not too remote from his established home in this county. He and his wife were the parents of nine children, all of whom are living save Thomas Philip, the sixth in order of birth, who died in infancy, the others besides the subject of this sketch (the fifth in order of birth) being Edward Thompson, Halleck Wood, Samuel Ball, Rhoda Moore, Olive Coralinn, Myra Jane and Mary Emily, all of whom are married. Abraham Lincoln Gary was reared on the home farm in Posey township and received his early schooling in the neighboring district school, "Frog Pond," in Posey township, and in the graded school at Carthage. This he supplemented by a course in the

Cyrus Hodgin normal school at Richmond, Ind., and in the fall of 1886 began teaching school, a vocation he continued for some years, farming during the summers and teaching during the winters. Meanwhile he entered DePauw University, and in 1895 was graduated from that institution, a part of the funds which enabled him to complete the course in the university having been earned by serving as a "Columbian guard" during the World's Columbian Exposition at Chicago in 1893. In June, 1897, Mr. Gary was elected superintendent of schools of Rush county. He continued to serve in that capacity until in 1902, when he resigned in order to take charge of the Indiana State Reading Circle work, and for five years thereafter was thus engaged, manager at headquarters of this work in Indianapolis. During the period of this service he entered Indiana Law School at Indianapolis, carrying on his studies there in addition to his Reading Circle work, and in 1907 was graduated from law school. Thus equipped for the practice of his profession Mr. Gary returned to Rushville and has since been engaged in practice in that city, for some time past in partnership with Anna L. Bohannan, under the firm name of Gary & Bohannan, with offices in the Payne building. Mr. Gary is a Republican. For one year during the period of this country's participation in the World war he served as chairman of the Rush County Council of Defense, and was also the Government appeal agent of the draft board. In 1908 A. L. Gary was united in marriage to Jessie E. Spann, daughter of Jesse J. Spann, formerly and for years a member of the bar of the Rush Circuit Court, and former state senator from this district, and to this union was born one child, which died in infancy.

JOHN J. FRAZIER, a well-known and highly respected citizen of Anderson township, this county, owns one of the fine farms of this section and operates it in a highly scientific manner. Mr. Frazier was born in Anderson township, October 23, 1880, one of two children comprising the family of Thomas and Hattie (Askren) Frazier. He has one sister, Isabel, who is the wife of J. D. Farlow. His father, Thomas Frazier, was born in Wayne county, Indiana, and his mother was born in Ohio. Orphaned when young, Thomas Frazier was bound out to a man who did not treat him well, and a few years later the boy ran away and came to Rush county, grew to manhood here and taught school for some time. During the rest of his life he followed farming and died in 1901. His widow survived until 1916. John J. Frazier received his early education in the schools of Anderson township, after which he attended Purdue University, where he took a course in agriculture, and still later took a business course in the normal school at Marion. Thus equipped, Mr. Frazier took charge of his mother's farm in Anderson township which he conducted for her for ten years, at the time of her death taking over eighty acres of the home place, in addition to which he has a farm of 160 acres under

rental. Mr. Frazier feeds out about 125 head of hogs a year. He carries on his operations according to modern methods and is able to make his undertakings profitable. John J. Frazier married Florence (Harcourt) Crosby, daughter of Marion and Ida Harcourt, and they have two sons, James Wilson Crosby and John Robert Frazier. Mr. and Mrs. Frazier are members of the United Presbyterian church. Mr. Frazier formerly was a deacon in the church and he has also been superintendent of the Sunday school. He is a Republican.

FRANK MORGAN, a well-known farmer of Anderson township, this county, is a member of one of the old families of this section, his parents, John A. and Rhoda (Amos) Morgan both being natives of Rush county. His father followed farming in Anderson township, where he owned 200 acres of land, until a few years before his death, when he moved to Rushville township, where he bought a place of eighty acres and passed the rest of his life there, dying in 1909. Of his family of eleven children the following are living: Joseph, Alice, Anna, Charles, William, Claude, Frank, Jack, Daisy and Ora. Frank Morgan was born in Anderson township on April 2, 1880, and obtained his education in the schools of that township. He assisted his father on the home farm until within two years of his marriage, then worked on neighboring farms, and following his marriage, rented land and operated rented farm land in Anderson and Orange townships for fourteen years. About 1919 Mr. Morgan purchased his present farm of 136 acres and carries on general farming and stock raising. In 1903 he married Gertrude Lee, daughter of Solomon and Lucy Lee, and they have five children: Howard, Lowell, Donald, Harold and Ura. Mr. Morgan is a Republican. He is a member of the Odd Fellows lodge at Milroy.

ARTHUR H. GEORGE. The gentleman to a brief review of whose life and characteristics the reader's attention is herewith directed is among the favorably known and representative citizens of this section of Indiana. He has by his enterprise and progressive methods contributed to the advancement of his locality and during the course of an honorable career has met with success as a general farmer and stock raiser. Arthur H. George was born in Franklin county, Indiana, on May 24, 1881, and is the son of William H. and Lavina R. (George) George, who were natives of Franklin county, where they were reared and married. William H. George was educated in his native county and turned his attention to farming while still a youth, remaining until the age of eighteen years with his parents, Henry and Anna George, natives, respectively, of Pennsylvania and Ohio. Mr. George then came to this county and engaged in farming in Richland township for a few years, and then moved to Noble township, where he was engaged in farming up to the time of his death, at which time he was the owner of 320 acres of land. To him and his wife were born eight children, of which number seven are living, namely: E. O., Chester, Arthur, Anna, Frank, Riley and Earl. Arthur H. George received his education in the schools of Franklin

and Rush counties. After leaving school he engaged in farming operations in partnership with his brother, E. O. George, remaining with him for eight or ten years. He then bought the farm where he now lives, and which consists of eighty acres of well situated and fertile land, where he has met with gratifying success. He carries on general farming, putting out twenty-five acres to corn, twenty-five acres to small grain and twenty-five acres to clover, and he also gives some attention to live stock, feeding from 100 to 125 hogs and a carload of cattle yearly. He has put many substantial improvements on the place, which is known as the "Helendale" farm. In 1905 Mr. George married Ollie Abercrombie, the daughter of Joseph and Susan Abercrombie, and their union has been blessed in the birth of three children, Cecil, Helen and Bert. By a prior marriage, to Anna Cameron, who died, Mr. George is the father of a son, Rex. The subject is a Republican in his political views and, fraternally, is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons.

PHILANDER LEFFORGE. None of the older citizens of the present generation in Richland township is better or more favorably known than Philander Lefforge, long an enterprising farmer and stock raiser and a citizen who, while advancing the interests of himself and immediate family, has never neglected his duties to his neighbors and the community at large. Whatever of success he has attained has been entirely owing to his individual efforts, his energy and natural ability. Philander Lefforge, who is now retired from active labor and residing in Andersonville, was born in Noble township, Rush county, on February 18, 1853, and is the son of Isaac and Florinda (Brown) Lefforge. The latter was a native of Maysville, and was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Brown. Isaac Lefforge was born in Franklin county, Indiana, but in childhood accompanied his parents on their removal to Rush county. They settled in Noble township, where he grew to manhood, receiving his education in the old Perkins Corner log school house, one of the best known of the pioneer schools of that day in this locality. During his entire active life he followed the vocation of farming. While living in Noble township he operated rented land, but about 1870 he moved to Richland township and bought his first land, comprising 160 acres, and there he spent the remainder of his life, engaging in general farming. To him and his wife were born five children, Lewis, Mary and Philander, living, and two, Thomas and Jesse, who are deceased. Philander Lefforge received his education in the common schools of Noble and Richland townships, after which he applied himself to work on the home farm until he was twenty-one years of age. He then was employed elsewhere until he had saved enough to enable him to buy a team of horses, when he began farming rented land in association with his brother Jesse, with whom he farmed as a renter for about twelve years. He then rented on his own account and was thus engaged until 1899, when he bought eighty acres of land at Neffs' Corner. In the operation of this place he was so successful that he was enabled to

add to his acreage until he became the owner of 320 acres, which, however, he later reduced to 240 acres, all of which lies in Richland township. He devoted himself to general farming and stock raising, feeding each year from one to two carloads of hogs and a carload of cattle. Mr. Lefforge was married to Ninetta Scott, the daughter of John and Sarah (Jackman) Scott, and to them was born a son, Roscoe, who married Lela King and has two children, Angus and Lowell. Mr. and Mrs. Lefforge are members of the United Brethren church, of which he formerly served as class leader. Politically, he has for many years been a warm supporter of the Prohibition party, being an uncompromising opponent of the liquor traffic, and he now rejoices in the revolution in public sentiment which has resulted in the overthrow of the licensed saloon. He has led a quiet life and his integrity has been unassailable, he being numbered among the substantial and worthy men of this part of the county. Mrs. Lefforge was born on the old Scott farm a mile south of Neffs Corner in Richland township. Her mother, Sarah Jackman, was born in the neighboring county of Franklin, a member of one of the well known pioneer families of that county. Her father, John Scott, who for years was one of the best known farmers in Richland township, the proprietor of a fine farm of 160 acres, was born in Rockbridge county, Virginia, and was but a lad when he came to Indiana with his parents. He and his wife had nine children, those besides Mrs. Lefforge being Margaret, William, Huse, Elsie, Caroline, Smith, Eliza and Jane, and the Scott connection hereabout in this generation is a considerable one.

U. S. MAFFETT is one of the representative men of Rushville township who is making a success as a farmer, and he is held in high esteem by all who know him. He was born in Anderson township on March 6, 1869, son of William A. and Mary E. (Maffett) Maffett, both of whom were born in Harrison county, Kentucky, where they were reared, educated and married. Later they came to Indiana and for a time were engaged in farming in Anderson township, this county, but subsequently became farmers of Shelby county, Indiana, where William A. Maffett still resides. His wife died many years ago. Five children were born to them, of whom three survive, U. S. Maffett having a brother, Harvey O., and a sister, Mrs. Eva Marshall. After completing his studies at Blue Ridge, in Shelby county, U. S. Maffett returned to Rush county and worked on a farm here until he was twenty-four years old at which time he was married. He then began farming for himself on rented land in Rushville township, but after five years bought his present farm of ninety-six acres, and here he is doing general farming and stockraising, specializing on raising the Big Type Poland China hogs for breeding purposes, producing about 150 head of registered hogs annually. Mr. Maffett also raises Holstein cattle, and is well known as a stockman. He is a Republican and a member of the Knights of Pythias lodge at Milroy. On December 12, 1893, U. S. Maffett married Bessie Armstrong, daughter of A. S. and Sarah (Perkin) Armstrong, farming people of Rush

county, who had six children, of whom Mrs. Maffett is the only survivor. She was born in Rushville township, and there educated. Mr. and Mrs. Maffett have one son, Virgil A. Maffett, who attended the schools of Rushville township and the Milroy high school. He married Miss Georgia Rollings and is now engaged in the automobile business at Rushville.

ISRAEL McCANN, who died at his farm home in Union township in 1896, at the age of eighty years, was a member of one of the pioneer families of this section of the state, had been a resident of Rush county since the days of his boyhood and had thus been a witness to and a participant in the amazing development that had been brought about here during the period of his long and useful life. Mr. McCann was a "Buckeye" by birth, born on a pioneer farm in the vicinity of Centerville in Montgomery county, Ohio, in the year 1816, a son of William and Nancy (Riley) McCann, both of Scottish stock, the former born in Ireland and the latter in Virginia, a member of one of the colonial families of the Old Dominion. William McCann was but a lad when he came to this country from Ireland with his parents not long after the creation of the republic. The family settled in Kentucky where he grew to manhood and was married. After his marriage he located at Cincinnati and was there engaged in the hotel business for some years, at the end of which time he moved up into Montgomery county and was living in the Centerville neighborhood when the War of 1812 broke out. He enlisted his services and served as a soldier in America's second war for independence, settling down on his farm again upon the completion of this service. About the year 1829 he came over into Indiana with his family and settled in Rush county, among the pioneers of Washington township, his elder son, William McCann, Jr. having "entered" a tract of land in the vicinity of where Raleigh later was laid out, and in time becoming a quite extensive landowner thereabout. In that township the elder William McCann spent the remainder of his life. He and his wife were the parents of ten children, five sons, William, Robert, Joseph, James and Israel, and five daughters, Elizabeth, who married Israel Harris; Jane, who married William Russell; Effie, who married Leonard Keep; Anna, who married Samuel Greenwood, and Mary, who married Samuel Hopper. Israel McCann was but twelve or thirteen years of age when he came to this county with his parents in 1829 and he completed his schooling here. Until he was twenty-one years of age he assisted his elder brother William in the development of the latter's lands here and then he began farming on his own account. He married at the age of twenty-four and then bought a farm of 100 acres in Washington township and there established his home. Through an act of mistaken kindness—going "security" on the note of a faithless friend—he lost this farm and was compelled to begin all over again. As a means of recuperation he followed an investment up into Tipton county and there remained for four years, at the end of which time he returned to Rush county and here spent the remainder of his

life, his death occurring in Union township in 1896, as noted above. His widow survived him for about seven years, her death occurring on July 16, 1903. They were active members of the Methodist Episcopal church. It was on October 17, 1840, that Israel McCann was united in marriage to Lucinda Beard, who was born in the neighboring county of Fayette, a daughter of William and Sarah (Mullineaux) Beard, natives of North Carolina, who became pioneers of the Raleigh neighborhood in this county. William Beard and his wife had two children when they left their home in North Carolina and came to Indiana, driving through with their children and some essential household belongings in a one-horse wagon. Their first location in this state was in Wayne county, but not long afterward they moved to Fayette county, where they remained until they came over into Rush county and settled in Washington township, their farm comprising the site of the present village of Raleigh, which William Beard platted and put on the market, naming the place in honor of the capital of his native state. There William Beard and his wife spent the remainder of their lives. They were the parents of seven children, those besides Mrs. McCann having been Martha, Christina, John, Thomas, Greenberry and William Jr. Greenberry Beard enlisted as a soldier upon the call of arms for the Mexican war and lost his life in that service. To Israel and Lucinda (Beard) McCann were born eight children, William, John Riley, Mary Ann, Sarah Green, Robert, Lynn B., Emily C. and Marion W., of whom but three, Robert, Lynn and Marion, are now living, the first born, William, and the three daughters dying in infancy and John R., in 1900. An adopted daughter, Catherine McCann, died in 1909. John R. McCann married Sarah E. Hall and had three children, Emma Dale, Laura Lucinda and Hallie Belle. Marion W. McCann married Nora Hinchman, who died in 1907. In 1893 Robert, Lynn and Marion McCann bought eighty acres of the farm on which they are now living in Union township and have ever since resided there. They increased their holdings by the purchase of an adjacent "eighty" and now have an excellent farm of 160 acres nicely situated on rural mail route No. 1 out of Falmouth. The McCann brothers have their place well improved and are carrying on their operations in up-to-date fashion, long having been regarded as among the substantial farmers of that neighborhood. In their political affiliations they are Democrats.

EARL B. MOORE, a progressive farmer and reliable citizen of Anderson township, this county, where he is operating a considerable body of land, was born in Rush county on December 31, 1888. His parents are William T. and Alma Viola (Watson) Moore, who also were born in Rush county, coming of pioneer stock. William T. Moore, who is one of the county's most substantial agriculturists, has devoted his entire life to farm pursuits. After his schooldays and some early farm experience, he purchased a tract of good land in Richland township, comprising 137½ acres, to which, through busi-

ness judgment and foresight he subsequently added, and at the present time owns 670 acres of valuable land in Rush county, and is still active as a farmer and stockraiser. To his marriage with Alma Viola Watson ten children were born and of these the following survive: Earl, Edward, Harold, Charles, Andrew, Louis, Luella, Thelma and Howard. Earl B. Moore attended school in both Anderson and Richland townships, and afterward spent two years in the high school at Richland, following which he assisted his father for one year on the home farm. After his marriage he began for himself, working for his father by the day for a year, then renting land from his father for a year and a half. In 1910 he rented his present farm comprising 270 acres, in the management of which he has shown exceptional capacity, being able to bring every acre under profitable tillage. Mr. Moore is a wideawake, intelligent farmer, entertaining modern ideas concerning farm methods and putting them into execution. He devotes eighty-five acres to corn and the rest of his land to small grains and pasture, and feeds and markets 25 head of cattle and 300 head of hogs annually. Earl B. Moore married Iva Henderson, daughter of Jonathan S. and Hannah Henderson, and they have five children: Lowell, Hubert, Lois, Maurice and Thelma Gleda. Mr. Moore is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He has always been a Democrat.

EDWARD J. CHAMBERS, who is accounted one of the most successful farmers of Rush county, was born in Bartholomew county, Indiana, May 18, 1870, the son of Benjamin W. and Martha (Scarborough) Chambers, the former of whom was engaged in farming throughout his entire active life in Bartholomew county. Edward J. Chambers was educated in the public schools of his native county, and after the completion of his studies took up farming with his father, with whom he remained until he was twenty-one years of age. He then undertook agricultural operations on his own account upon a rented farm, engaging in trading, feeding, and stock raising, which he has made his life business with the exception of four years spent as a contractor. In the year 1909 he removed to Rush county, buying a farm of 240 acres in Washington township, subsequently buying 160 acres, making a total of 400 acres now in his possession. He has made numerous improvements on the property since he has been its owner, building several fine barns and outbuildings, excellent fencing, and vastly bettering the appearance of the entire estate. He is one of the most extensive stock raisers in the entire county, feeding out as an annual average 1,400 head of hogs and 150 of cattle, in addition to which he feeds quite a number of mules, having at one time had as many as 125 on his place. On November 14, 1906, Mr. Chambers married Ruby Grace Jones, a daughter of Newton S. and Caroline (Davidson) Jones. In 1916, Mr. and Mrs. Chambers moved to Rushville, although he continues the active management of his farm. They are earnest workers in the cause of the Christian church. In his political allegiance Mr. Chambers is counted one of the Repub-

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lican party, but while he takes a good citizen's interest in local and national political matters, he has never sought preferment of this kind for himself. He is chairman of the live stock sanitary board of Indiana, a board which came into being in 1919.

THOMAS ORA LOGAN. Not only is T. Ora Logan, of Noble township, the architect of a substantial competence, acquired through agricultural enterprise, but in its acquisition he has maintained the reputation for industry and reliability established in Rush county by his father, Jonas W. Logan, and his pioneer grandfather, James L. Logan. James L. Logan was born in Ireland, and was but one and one-half years old when brought to the United States by his mother, who settled in Fayette county, Indiana. There he grew to manhood and married Elizabeth Mann, a native of Ohio, and shortly afterward came to Rush county and settled in Noble township, where he entered Government land and built a log cabin home. He cleared and cultivated his property, added to it until he had 700 acres, and died as one of the substantial and highly respected men of his community. He and his wife had nine children: Alice, Abbie, Mary Ann, Thomas, John M., Oliver P., Samuel H., James W. and Jonas W. Jonas W. Logan was born in Noble township, October 25, 1846, received a public school education and worked with his father until his marriage, when he was given a farm of 160 acres by his father. This he increased by good management and industry to 500 acres, and continued to be engaged in general farming until his death, March 11, 1914. He was a citizen of reliability and sterling worth and had the esteem and respect of all who knew him. On March 18, 1869, he married Sarah J., daughter of George W. and Elizabeth (Bedill) Jones, and to this union there was born one son: Thomas Ora. Mrs. Logan still survives her husband and resides, in advanced years, on the old Logan homestead. She is a faithful member of the Christian church, to which her husband also belonged. T. Ora Logan was given his education in the district school in the vicinity of his home in Noble township, after leaving which he began assisting his father, and in the latter's later years bore the responsibility of the management of the home estate. Born on January 1, 1871, he was married at the age of twenty years, in October, 1891, to Fannie R. Stiers, daughter of Joseph Stiers, and at that time commenced farming on his own account. For a time he rented land from his father, but later acquired 260 acres from the elder man and continued its operation as a general farmer and stock feeder until 1916, in which year he retired from active labor. Since that time he has devoted himself to the management of his interests, his land being operated by tenants. In politics Mr. Logan is a Democrat. He was formerly a deacon and member of the board of trustees of the Little Flat Rock Christian Church, but the family are now members of the church of that denomination at Rushville. Mr. Logan is a man of progressive and enlightened views who readily gives his support to worthy measures, religious, educational and civic. He and his wife are the parents of two children: J. Carl Logan, who married

Wilma Bowen and has two children, Catherine Lucile and Frances Louise, and Nellie S., who married Elsa Hilligoss and has two children Lavon Estelle and Harold Eugene.

DR. C. E. MORRIS, V. S., a leading farmer and professional man of Anderson township, this county, is a member of one of the pioneer families of Rush county. Doctor Morris was born in Anderson township on October 6, 1868, a son of George and Caroline (Stiers) Morris, and a grandson of Chapman Morris, who came here from Pennsylvania and afterward followed farming. The father of Doctor Morris was born in Rush county, followed the plasterer's trade all his life and spent his last years in Orange township. The mother of Doctor Morris was born in Ohio. Of their nine children the following survive: C. E.; Robert, who lives in Ohio; and Leona, who is the wife of Frank Levi, of Rushville. C. E. Morris attended school in Orange township, then worked on farms throughout the neighborhood up to the time of his marriage, following which he operated rented land in Anderson township for a time, occasionally having from 200 to 300 acres under rental at one time. Later he bought the first fifty-five acres of his present valuable farm and now owns 160 acres, his activities being divided between his farm industries and his professional engagements. In 1900 he entered the Indiana Veterinary College, from which two years later he received his degree of Veterinary Surgeon, and since then has built up a large practice in the county. Doctor Morris married Nettie Frakes, a daughter of David Frakes, and they have three children, Elbert H., Flossie and Mabel, all of whom have domestic circles of their own not far distant. Elbert H. Morris married Lulu Richey and has two children, Elvin and Charles; Flossie Morris married Herschel Botterhoff, and Mabel Morris married Clifford Richey. Doctor Morris is a member of Milroy lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and belongs also to the Odd Fellows at Milroy, having passed the chairs in the latter lodge. He has never been particularly active in politics but in his convictions is a Democrat.

BERTON T. OSBORN, one of the farmers of Rushville township who is making a success of his work and is also earning the place in his community to which his abilities entitle him, was born in Rushville township on June 18, 1881, son of Lucian B. and Harvina (Gruell) Osborn, farming people of that township. Berton T. Osborn was educated in Shelby county, Indiana, and after he left school returned home and was engaged in farming with his father, remaining with him until his marriage. At that time he began renting his present farm of ninety-five acres, the original Osborn homestead, from his uncle Theodore Osborn. Since moving on this farm he has carried on general farming and stockraising, and produces about 175 head of hogs annually. On October 30, 1904, Berton T. Osborn was married to Lavon Hilligoss, who died on June 9, 1909, having borne her husband one child, Lowell. She is buried in East Hill cemetery at Rushville. Mr. Osborn was married secondly on December 17, 1914, to Myrtle Smith, daughter of Zack and Mary J. (Linville) Smith, natives

of Decatur county, Indiana, but old residents of Rushville township where Mrs. Osborn was born and educated. Mr. and Mrs. Smith had four children, Jess, Louise, Fred and Myrtle. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Osborn: John R., who is attending the Webb school in Rushville township, and Thomas B. Mr. Osborn is affiliated with Rushville lodge, No. 1307, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. A Methodist, he maintains membership with the congregation of that denomination at Rushville. A stanch Republican Mr. Osborn gives a conscientious and effective support to the candidates of his party, but has not cared to come before the public for office, his time and attention being fully occupied with his agricultural pursuits.

HARVEY M. ARNOLD, a well-known and progressive young farmer of Union township, living on rural mail route No. 1 out of Falmouth, is a native of the state of Arkansas, but has been a resident of Indiana and Rush county since he was a boy. He was born on February 7, 1888, son of John and Alice (Clifford) Arnold. Reared in Union township, Harvey M. Arnold received his schooling in the local schools and as a boy was well trained in the ways of the farm. He remained on the home farm until his marriage at the age of twenty-three, when he rented a farm of 150 acres in Noble township and began farming on his own account. About three years later he moved to the farm on which he is now living and has since resided there, now renting a tract of 103 acres, on which he is engaged in general farming and live stock raising, his operations in the latter line including a couple of car loads of graded hogs a year. Mr. Arnold carries on his agricultural operations in up-to-date fashion and has an excellent equipment for productive effort. On December 24, 1912, Harvey M. Arnold was united in marriage to Grace McClure, who was born in this county, daughter of Samuel and Lena (McCrory) McClure, and to this union one child has been born, a son, Harvey Mauzy Arnold. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold have a pleasant home and take an interested part in the general social activities of the community in which they reside. They are members of the Ben Davis Christian Church and in their political affiliation are Republicans.

ROSCOE LINVILLE, a well known farmer of Richland township, was born in that township on the 5th day of March, 1884, and he is the son of John and Luella (Barber) Linville. His paternal grandfather was Morgan Linville, who in an early day came to Rush county from Bath county, Kentucky, entering land here and remaining here during the rest of his life. He lived to be 86 and his wife lived to be 89 years of age. John Linville was born and reared in Rush county and his wife was a native of Franklin county, Indiana. Mr. Linville was reared and educated in the common schools, the old Freeman school house being the scene of his educational efforts. After leaving school he turned his efforts to farming, operating rented land for a time. After the death of his parents, he bought the interests of the other heirs in the home farm, comprising 115 acres in Richland

township, and has since been engaged in the cultivation of that land, following general farming and stock raising. He is now 59 years of age and his wife 57. To John Linville and wife were born seven children, six of whom are living, namely: Roscoe, Katherine, Gertrude, Wilbur, Alma and Mae. Roscoe Linville attended the Freeman school house and after the completion of his studies he worked with his father on the home farm until he was twenty-one years of age, when he was married. Thereafter for about a year he was employed as a farm hand, after which for two years he operated rented land. He then bought 123½ acres of land, comprising the nucleus of his present fine farm, which has been increased to 278 acres. Much of the grain is fed on the farm, Mr. Linville feeding from 200 to 400 hogs annually. He is thoroughly up-to-date in his methods and maintains the farm at the highest standard of excellence, so that he is looked upon as one of the enterprising and wide-awake farmers of Richland township. Fifty acres of this land has been cleared by Mr. Linville, much of the grubbing and burning having been done by himself. On this farm is an ever-flowing spring that furnishes such a wholesome supply of water for stock that in ten years there has not been a case of hog cholera on the farm, nor has Mr. Linville been compelled to immunize his hogs, plenty of shade and clean water giving his hogs protection. In 1905 Mr. Linville was married to Cora Lewis, the daughter of Frank and Mae Lewis, and to this union three children have been born, Louise (deceased), Elmer and Marcia. Politically, Mr. Linville gives his support to the Republican party, while he and his wife are active and earnest members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

FRED W. LIGHTFOOT, president of the Falmouth Bank at Falmouth, and also well known as a farmer and stockraiser in Rush county, and in various ways identified with interests of importance, was born in Washington township, this county, June 16, 1875, son and only child of Alfred C. and Flora (McCrady) Lightfoot. Alfred C. Lightfoot was born in 1824, in Pendleton county, Kentucky, and was six years old when he accompanied his parents, William B. and Elizabeth Lightfoot, to Indiana. William B. Lightfoot entered eighty acres of Government land in Washington township, Rush county, journeying to Indianapolis on horseback in order to make the entry. He did not long survive pioneer hardships, dying before he had completed the erection of his log cabin. He and his wife Elizabeth had two children, Alfred C. and Lucinda, the latter of whom died unmarried at the age of twenty-seven years. Alfred C. Lightfoot and his mother remained on the pioneer farm which they both endeavored to develop. In order to eke out a living during the early years, Grandmother Lightfoot worked also at tailoring. She was a brave, strong, resourceful woman and survived until 1874. In the year of her death, Alfred C. Lightfoot married Flora McCrady, who was born in Franklin county, Indiana, and they spent the rest of their lives on the homestead, the acreage of which was by that time greatly increased. When his

school days were over, Fred W. Lightfoot gave his father assistance on the home farm, and after the death of his father, in 1894, assumed full charge although only nineteen years old at the time. He not only successfully operated the estate of 320 acres but has made additions which have brought up his acreage to 470, a large part of which is devoted to stock, Mr. Lightfoot feeding 100 head of cattle and 800 head of hogs yearly. He has not confined himself to agricultural pursuits, however, as for some years he has been well known in the banking field, and is also a prominent factor in Democratic political circles in the county. On January 26, 1897, Mr. Lightfoot married Margaret Smith, of Union township, this county, and they have two children: Frank G., who is taking a course in electrical engineering at Purdue University; and Doris June, who is a student in the high school at Raleigh. Mr. Lightfoot is a thirty-second degree and York Rite Mason and Shriner and also is a member of the Elks lodge at Rushville and the Odd Fellows lodge at Falmouth.

DANIEL O'KEEFE, a well-known farmer and landowner of Union township, this county, is a native son of the old Buckeye state but has been a resident of Rush county for forty-five years and thus naturally enough has long felt himself "perfectly at home" here. He was born on a farm in Brown county, Ohio, April 9, 1850, son of John and Johanna O'Keefe, both natives of Ireland, the latter of whom emigrated to this country with her parents in 1832 and the former in 1840, whose last days were spent in Ohio. John O'Keefe came to America in the days of his young manhood with just enough money to bring him across and upon his arrival here proceeded to Cincinnati, where he remained for about seven years, at the end of which time he moved to Brown county, Ohio, where he bought a farm of 122 acres and established his home. Some time later he sold that farm and bought a farm in Clinton county, same state, and on this latter farm spent the remainder of his life. He and his wife were the parents of two children, the subject of this sketch having a sister, Nellie. Daniel O'Keefe was reared on the farm in Ohio and received a limited schooling there, his total attendance at school not exceeding ninety days. He continued farming as a young man and in 1876 came to Indiana and located in Rush county, working here as a farm hand for sixteen years, or until his marriage, after which he rented a farm and established a home of his own. Mr. O'Keefe continued as a renter for fourteen years, at the end of which time he bought the farm of 114 acres on which he is now living in Union township and has since made his home there, he and his family being quite pleasantly situated. The farm is on rural mail route No. 7 out of Rushville and is well improved. It was in 1883 that Daniel O'Keefe was united in marriage to Mrs. Sarah J. (Newkirk) Benson, who was born in this county, daughter of Daniel B. and Polly Newkirk. By her first marriage Mrs. O'Keefe has three sons, Albert, Herbert and Daniel Benson, the latter of whom married Maud Mason. Albert Benson married Ethel Clifton and has four children, Lenna,

Byron, Weldon and Marlin Edward. Herbert Benson married Minnie Wilson and has seven children, Pearl, Lotus, Lovica, Leora, Eugene, Harley and Edward Lee.

LEROY LINES, a lifelong farmer and stockman, whose thorough knowledge of agricultural matters is generally acknowledged in Anderson township, this county, is a native of this county, born in Noble township on May 8, 1862. His parents were Aaron Noble and Jane (McIlwain) Lines, natives of Rush county, who were married here. Eight children were born to them and the following are living: Charles, of Missoula, Mont.; Ada, wife of Omer Mull, of Homer, Ind.; Sarah, wife of Irvin Carr, of Elwood, Ind.; Mollie, wife of Bert Hester, of Rochester, Minn.; and Leroy. Aaron Noble Lines followed farming in Walker township, this county, until 1884, when he moved to the vicinity of Elwood, Ind., later retired to Elwood and there he died. Leroy Lines was young when his parents settled on a farm in Walker township and in that section he attended school and grew to manhood, making choice of farming as his vocation. Until his marriage Mr. Lines assisted his father on the home place, afterward rented land and operated it for six years, that farm being the Jefferson Bowles farm in Anderson township. By that time he was ready to make an investment and bought fifty-seven acres which he improved and cultivated, in the meanwhile gradually adding to his holdings until he now owns 213 acres, all adjoining. He farms 123 acres of this land himself and gives considerable attention to stock, hogs mainly, buying feeders and feeding out about 225 head yearly. Mr. Lines is a practical business man and understands how to make farming a profitable industry. In 1884 he married Maude Farlow, daughter of Joseph Farlow and granddaughter of Jefferson Bowles, and they have two children: Joseph, who resides at home; and June, who married Claude Spilman and has two children, Betty Jane and Claude, Jr. Mr. Lines and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Milroy, of which he is one of the members of the board of trustees. As a good citizen he takes interest in public matters and casts his vote with the Democratic party.

C. O. PATTON, whose whole life has been passed in Rush and Decatur counties, and who beginning as a renter, has progressed by the exercise of industry, perseverance, economy and integrity to the ownership of a highly productive farm and the position of a substantial, influential and useful member of the community, was born in Decatur county, Indiana in 1867, a son of Samuel R. and Mary E. (Humes) Patton. Samuel R. Patton was brought to Rush county as a child and here grew to sturdy young manhood. When the Civil war broke out, he enlisted in the One Hundred and Thirty-seventh regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, with which command he served for three years and participated in a number of important and hard-fought battles. Returning safely from the war, he located in Decatur county and for about a year conducted a general store at Greensburg. After that he located on a farm near Spring Hill, in

the same county, which he had purchased from his father, and continued to operate that land until 1879, when he sold out and came to Rush county, locating on a farm of 280 acres one mile south of Richland in Richland township. Mr. Patton was a man of education, a graduate of Richland Academy, and was called upon frequently to serve his fellow citizens in offices of responsibility and trust. For two terms he served as trustee of Richland township and for two terms served as a member of the board of county commissioners. When he died his community lost a citizen who had done much for its general advancement. Samuel R. Patton married Mary E. Humes, who was born in Hamilton county, Ohio, and they became the parents of seven children, of whom five are living: Harry B., John E., Walter E., C. O. and Elma. C. O. Patton was given his educational training in the public schools of Richland township and as a young man began farming as a renter. After about seven years of renting he purchased a part of the property on which he has been located since 1887, and as the years have passed has added from time to time until he now has 840 acres in Rush and Decatur counties, in addition to which he rents about 160 acres. Mr. Patton cleared and ditched this land himself and has made all the improvements thereon. As a cattle raiser he has a herd of about 300 head, and raises about 1,000 hogs annually. He has been a trader since 1893 and his operations have been attended with success. Mr. Patton married Etta Crawford, daughter of Presley and Rosamond Crawford, and to this union there was born one child, a daughter, Faye. After the death of his first wife Mr. Patton married Jessie VanOsdol, daughter of George W. VanOsdol. Mr. Patton is a member of the Masonic lodge at Milroy and is a Republican.

ALBERT BRANAM, one of the prosperous farmers of Rushville township, belongs to one of the substantial families of Rush county. He was born in Walker township on February 21, 1866, son of Mathew and Parlina Jane (Hodge) Branam. Mathew Branam was born in Ireland and his wife was born in Rush county. When he was sixteen years old Mathew Branam came to the United States alone, and locating in Rush county, here followed an agricultural life for many years. He and his wife had six children, of whom the following are living: James W., Sarah A., Albert and Alfred E. Albert Branam completed his schooling in the school at Homer and then began making himself useful on the homestead, remaining at home until his marriage, after which he moved to the farm of eighty acres where he now lives, renting it from his father until the death of the latter when he bought the property from the other heirs. On this farm Mr. Branam has erected suitable buildings with the exception of the barn, which he repaired, and he now has one of the nicest farm properties in his township. On September 25, 1889, Mr. Branam was married to Ruby Plummer, who was born in Illinois but was reared and educated in Rush county. She had the misfortune to lose her parents when she was three years old and was taken by her uncle Arthur Gates, and reared. Mr. and Mrs. Branam have two children: Letta, who married

George Lowden, a farmer of Walker township, and Nellie, who is unmarried and lives at home. Mr. Branam belongs to Rushville lodge, No. 35, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. The Presbyterian church of Rushville holds his membership and serves him as a medium for the expression of his religious faith. In politics he is a Democrat. A hard-working and thrifty man he has concentrated his efforts upon the development and improvement of his farm and the results prove that he has shown judgment and excellent management.

JOHN ARNOLD, a well-known and substantial farmer of Union township, is a member of one of the real pioneer families of Rush county and is the third of his name to occupy the farm on which he is now living, the place having been "entered" by his grandfather, John Arnold, and later and in turn occupied by his father, the late Dr. John Arnold, and as Mr. Arnold has named one of his sons John there is a probability that the name will not be lost to succeeding generations. Though not a native of Rush county Mr. Arnold always has felt "at home" here for it was here that the Arnolds got their start when the pioneer John Arnold, who was born in England, grandfather of the present owner of the tract, secured original possession from the Government on October 20, 1820, the year before Rush county became recognized as a separate civic unit in the group of counties then forming in the growing list of such counties in the commonwealth of Indiana. There were three entries of this land made at the land office at Brookville on the day of the opening of the sale and one of these three was the entry of Mr. Arnold's grandfather. John Arnold was born in the city of Connersville, county seat of the neighboring county of Fayette, May 30, 1846, son of Dr. John Arnold, who later became occupant of the farm above referred to and on which he was born, a son of the pioneer John Arnold. The junior John Arnold was reared on that farm, receiving his early schooling in the neighborhood schools and this he supplemented by a year's attendance at the old Richland Academy and by a year at Hanover College at Hanover. He married when twenty-two years of age and a year later went to Iowa with the view to settling in that state, but not finding things as he had expected he returned to Rush county and after farming here for several years went to Cumberland county, Illinois, where he bought a farm and remained for six years, at the end of which time he sold his holdings there and went to Arkansas where for seven years he was engaged in the fruit business and in general farming. But seven years of Arkansas proved enough and he disposed of his interests there and returned to Rush county and settled down on the old home place in Union township, which he now owns and on which he has made his home since his return here. Mr. Arnold has an excellent farm of 160 acres, well improved and profitably cultivated. He and his family are Republicans and all are members of the Christian church. The Arnolds have a very pleasant home on rural mail route No. 2 out of Rushville ("Arnold's Home," pictured elsewhere in this work) and have ever taken an

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interested and hospitable part in the community's general social activities, doing their part in helping to advance movements designed to promote the common good hereabout. On November 24, 1868, John Arnold was united in marriage to Alice Amanda Clifford, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Lindsay) Clifford, and to this union eight children have been born, Charles Abner, Sarah, Richard, John C., Josephine A., William, Bertha A. and Harvey M., all of whom are married save Richard and John C., who are at home carrying on the operations of the farm in their father's behalf. Charles A. Arnold married Luella Mauzy and has three children, Richard, Edward and Alice. Sarah Arnold married Cortez C. Waller and has four children, Leona, Flora, Theodore and Eva. Leona Waller married William Ottinger and has one child, a daughter, Margaret A., and Flora Waller married Dennie Ramsey and has had four children, Lucy, Helen, Louis and Harry (deceased), these two unions of their grandchildren giving Mr. and Mrs. Arnold five great-grandchildren. Josephine Arnold married John Mauzy and has one child, a son, Clifford. William Arnold married Mila Caldwell and has two children, John and Margaret. Bertha Arnold married Delbert W. Eakins and has seven children, Howard, Esther, Walter, Alice, Cora, Russell and Ralph. Harvey M. Arnold married Grace McClure and has one child, a son, Harvey, Jr., As set out in the historical section of this work "Arnold's Home" is the site of the old Delaware Indian village, of which Chief Mahoning ("Ben Davis") was the ruler, and when the pioneer John Arnold entered that tract there were still fifteen Indian tepees on the place.

JOSEPH S. VANDAMENT, a well known retired farmer of Union township and formerly and for years well known throughout the county as a professional nurse, is a native of the Buckeye state, but has been a resident of Rush county since he was twenty-five years of age and thus has for many years felt himself a real component part of the life of his community. Mr. Vandament was born at Georgetown, Ohio, July 14, 1852, son of the Rev. John C. and Deliverance (Busby) Vandament, both of whom were born in that same county, members of pioneer families there. During the early years of his young manhood the Rev. John C. Vandament was engaged in teaching school and he then entered the gospel ministry as a clergyman in the Methodist Episcopal church. At the time of the "split" in the Methodist church during the Civil war period he became connected with the Christian Union and continued in the ministry of that communion the rest of his life, his last days being spent in Brown county, Ohio. He and his wife had seven children, four of whom are still living, the subject of this sketch having a brother, Louis, and two sisters, Lurinda and Mae. Reared in Brown county, Ohio, Joseph S. Vandament received his schooling there and early took up farming as a vocation. He spent several years "prospecting" in the West, working as a farm hand in Illinois, Iowa and Minnesota, and then returned to Ohio where he remained until 1877 when he came to

Indiana and became employed at Rushville. He married here and after his marriage became engaged as a farmer on the farm of his father-in-law, Daniel B. Newkirk. Not long afterward he began to follow the profession of nursing, his capacity in that direction having become recognized in the community, and for fifteen years or more was widely known hereabout as a nurse. At the same time Mr. Vandament continued his farming operations and has remained on the farm, now the owner of an excellent place of 103 acres. In 1915 Mr. Vandament retired from the active operations of the farm and has since been taking things somewhat easier. He and his family have a pleasant home on rural mail route No. 7 out of Rushville and are well situated. Joseph S. Vandament was united in marriage to Laura Newkirk, daughter of Daniel B. and Polly (Hamilton) Newkirk, further mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume, and to this union five children were born, three of whom, Mary, Walter and Mildred, are living, the deceased being Nina and Charles. Mary Vandament married Jesse B. Gilson. Dr. Walter Vandament is a practicing physician at Carthage. He married Gretta Kirkpatrick and has one child, a daughter, Geneva. Mildred Vandament married Weimer Pearson and has two children, Weimer, Jr., and Donald. Mr. and Mrs. Vandament are members of the Plum Creek Christian Church. Politically, Mr. Vandament is an "independent" Democrat. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

ROLLA E. ZORNE, a well-known farmer and landowner of Union township, former postmaster at Carthage and formerly and for years a teacher in the schools of Rush county, was born in this county, a member of one of the old families here, and has resided here all his life. He was born on a farm in Posey township on August 24, 1869, son and only child of Frank M. and Jane (Davis) Zorne, both of whom were born in that same township and the latter of whom is still living, making her home with her son. The late Frank M. Zorne was a son of John Zorne, who had come here from Frankfort, Kentucky, in pioneer days and had bought a tract of land in the Gwynneville neighborhood in Posey township, this county, where he established his home. On that pioneer farm Frank M. Zorne was born and reared, in turn becoming a farmer on his own account and not long after his marriage to Jane Davis, who was a member of one of the pioneer families of that neighborhood, bought a farm of sixty-six acres in Ripley township. Some years afterward he sold that place and bought a farm of seventy-two acres in Center township, where he made his home until 1908 when he retired from the farm and moved to Carthage where his last days were spent, his death occurring there in April, 1915. As noted above, his widow is still living, making her home with her son Rolla. Rolla E. Zorne was reared on the old home farm in Posey township and early prepared himself for teaching, his first school being taught in the schools of this county when he was seventeen years of age, and for seven years thereafter he continued

as a teacher during the winters, farming during the summers. Under the Cleveland administration Mr. Zorne was appointed postmaster at Carthage, a position he occupied for two years, at the end of which time he resigned to take charge of the farm on which he is now living and where he has resided ever since. Mr. Zorne owns eighty-three acres where he is living and a tract of eighty-four acres in another part of Union township, renting out the fields on both places "on the shares." He has his home farm well improved and in addition to his general farming operations has for years been quite an extensive breeder of swine and has done well. In November, 1893, Rolla E. Zorne was united in marriage to Millie Newkirk, who has been a resident of this county since the days of her infancy. Mrs. Zorne was born in Madison county, Indiana, a daughter of Daniel B. and Polly (Hamilton) Newkirk, the latter of whom was born in Rush county. Daniel B. Newkirk was born in Adams county, Ohio, and was six years of age when his parents came to Indiana with their family and located in Rush county, settling on a farm in Jackson township, where he grew to manhood. He was married in this county and later moved to Madison county, where he remained until 1869 when he returned to Rush county, re-established himself here on a farm and spent the remainder of his life here, his death occurring on December 3, 1903. His widow survived him until April 29, 1911. They had five children, of whom four are still living, Mrs. Zorne having a brother, James L. Newkirk, and two sisters, Sallie and Laura. Mr. and Mrs. Zorne have three adopted children, Dorothy, Gayle and Marion, the first named of whom married Fred Dagler and has one child, a daughter, Mildred. The Zornes are members of the Plum Creek Christian Church. Mr. Zorne is a Democrat. He is a York Rite Mason, affiliated with the blue lodge at Carthage and with Rushville commandery, Knights Templar. The Zornes have a very pleasant home on rural mail route No. 7 out of Rushville and have ever taken an interested part in the community's social activities.

WILLIAM M. ORME, deceased, who for years was a substantial farmer and highly respected citizen of Walker township, this county, was born in Rushville township, this county, March 21, 1852. He was a son of Henry and Minerva (Morrison) Orme. In boyhood he attended school in Rushville township and later at Rushville. He spent his life in Rush county and was always engaged in farming, for some years renting land but afterward he bought the farm of 160 acres situated in Walker township, on which his family still reside. Mr. Orme was considered a judicious farmer and good manager. For some years he operated a threshing outfit in addition to his other activities. On September 10, 1874, he married Amanda E. Lower, who was born in Rushville township, this county, daughter of John and Rhoda (Edmonson) Lower, natives of Kentucky and Rush county, respectively, and who were the parents of six children, Emily, Martha, Anna, Amanda, James and Thomas, all of whom are living except James. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Orme:

Dorr, who died in boyhood; Arnold, a grain dealer at Rushville, who married Pearl Ball and has five children, William, Fern, Thomas, Frank and Fay; Desire, who married Omer A. Miller, a farmer in Rushville township, and has four children, Herbert, Leonidas, William and Woodrow; Lonnie, farmer in Walker township, who married Julia Mann; and Russell, who married Della Hufferd, of Posey township. Russell Orme resides at home and operates the farm for his mother. Mr. Orme was a Democrat in politics. He belonged to the order of Odd Fellows and had passed the chairs in the lodge at Homer.

DORA JACKMAN, a well-known farmer and stockraiser in Anderson township, this county, and vice-president of the First National Bank of Milroy, is a native of that township, born on December 6, 1870, a son of Allen and Frances (Winship) Jackman. Mr. Jackman attended the public schools in Anderson township and also the Normal school at Danville, Ind., after which he began to teach school and for nine years continued as a teacher in Rush and Madison counties. When he retired from the educational field he took up farming and is now operating 400 acres of land, all of which except seventy acres that he rents, belongs to him and his wife. He began farming on a tract of 100 acres that he rented from his father. As a farmer Mr. Jackman has shown excellent judgment and is prospering. He feeds all his corn to hogs and cattle, raising 300 head of hogs and forty head of cattle yearly, all high grade stock. He married Nellie Patton, who was born at Monmouth, Ill., daughter of Nathan and Frances (Holmes) Patton, and they have one son, Lawrence, now a student at Wabash College. Mr. Jackman and his wife are members of the United Presbyterian church, of which he is treasurer. He is a Republican and is quite active in party affairs, for some time having been a member of the Republican central committee of Anderson township. He is a member of the Masonic lodge at Milroy and of the Knights of Pythias lodge.

WILLARD COLTER, one of the favorably known young farmers of Richland township, is a native son of Rush county, having been born in the township where he now lives on January 22, 1895, and is the son and only child of Henry and Daisy (Johnston) Colter, the former a native of Franklin county, Indiana, and the latter born and reared in Rush county. He secured his elementary education in the common schools of Richland and Anderson townships, completing his studies in the high school at Milroy. After leaving school, he was engaged for several years with his father in the contracting business, mainly in the construction of roads. On July 1, 1918, Mr. Colter enlisted for military service and for six months served in the Signal Corps. He received his discharge on January 17, 1919, and on his return home engaged in farming on his father's land, the tract comprising 160 acres, and has been engaged there continuously since. He carries on general farming and stock raising and is meeting with

splendid success. On October 3, 1917, Willard Colter was married to Lucile (Crosby) Harcourt, the daughter of Charles and Mattie Crosby. Mr. and Mrs. Colter are members of the Presbyterian church. Fraternally, he is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons and the Knights of Pythias, while, politically, he is a Republican. Genial in disposition and unassuming in manner, he enjoys the confidence and esteem of all who know him.

EDD MOORE, one of the progressive men of Rush county and an enterprising farmer of Richland township, whose good management has brought to him the prosperity which is today his, has been a lifelong resident of Richland township, having been born there on July 14, 1889. He is the son of Frank and Lida (Hedrick) Moore, the latter a native of Franklin county, Indiana. They were married in the latter county and soon afterwards came to Rush county, locating in Noble township, where Mr. Moore was engaged in farming for a time. He then went to Kansas, remaining but a short time and then returned to Rush county. To him and wife were born eleven children, namely: William, Nelle, Bessie, Webb, Pearl, Charles, Edd, George, Ruth, Orie and Susan. Edd Moore received his education in the Freeman and Neffs' Corner schools and on the completion of his studies he went to work on the home farm, remaining there until his marriage. Soon afterward he engaged in farming on his own account, going to Franklin county, where he rented a tract of 160 acres. One year later he bought the place in Richland township, where he now lives, and he has since continued to pursue his vocation with success and profit. He is up-to-date in his methods, keeps his place under a high state of improvement and enjoys a good reputation as a progressive farmer. His farm consists of 121 acres, which he devotes to general farming and stock raising. On January 24, 1914, Mr. Moore was married to Mary Barber, who was born in Franklin county, the daughter of William and Esther Barber, and they have two children, Leonard Edd and Martha Aileen. Politically, Mr. Moore gives his support to the Democratic party and takes a keen interest in the moral, educational and material development of his community, giving his influence in favor of all worthy movements.

JONAS W. LOGAN. One cannot follow the long career of the late Jonas W. Logan without renewing appreciation of those homely, sterling qualities which, when allied with practical business sense, lift men from obscurity to influence and from poverty to wealth. This substantial agriculturist and worthy citizen of Noble township was born on the farm in that township upon which his widow now resides, the old Logan homestead, October 26, 1846, a son of James L. and Elizabeth (Mann) Logan. James L. Logan was but an infant when his father died, and when he was one and one-half years old he was brought by his mother from his native Ireland to the United States. He grew to young manhood in Fayette county, Indiana, where he received a common school education, and married Elizabeth Mann, a native of Ohio. After their union they moved to Rush county,

where they were early pioneers, and entered land from the Government. They lived in a log cabin home while Mr. Logan was engaged in the work of clearing his land and for many years thereafter, but with the bettering of his finances and the acquirement of 700 acres of land, they enjoyed all the conveniences of modern civilization and resided in a comfortable and commodious dwelling. These worthy people were the parents of nine children: Alice, Abbie, Mary Ann, Thomas, John M., Oliver P., Samuel H., James W. and Jonas W. Jonas W. Logan obtained his education in the country districts of Noble township, and upon leaving school followed the usual custom of farmers' sons of his locality, settling down to the work of the home place as an assistant to his father. As a reward for his faithful work, when he was married his father deeded to him the original home farm of 160 acres, which has never been out of the Logan name, and which Mr. Logan increased to 500 acres. He was an energetic and intelligent agriculturist, who was able to discriminate between practical and impractical methods, conservative in his views, yet progressive in adopting new methods once they had proven feasible. He did much in the way of improving the property, building a large and fine home and installing other features of latter-day progress, and his farm was always one which presented a prosperous appearance. In addition to carrying on general farming, Mr. Logan was a large hog feeder and shipper, and in each department of his work showed his ability, while his business reputation was of the highest and he had the full confidence of those associated with him. When he died on March 11, 1914, his community lost one of its substantial and reliable citizens. On March 18, 1869, Mr. Logan was united in marriage to Sarah I. Jones, daughter of George W. and Elizabeth (Bedee) Jones, and to this union there was born one child, a son, Thomas Ora, who married Fannie R. Stiers and has two children, Carl, who married Wilma Bowen and has two children, Catherine Lucille and Frances Louise, and Nellie, who married Elsa Hilligoss and has two children, Lavon Estelle and Harold Eugene. Mrs. Logan, who survives her husband and resides on the old Logan farm, is a consistent member of the Little Flat Rock Christian Church, in the work of which she has been active for many years.

GRANT THOMAS, one of Anderson township's sterling citizens and well known over Rush county as an enterprising and successful farmer and stockraiser, was born in Howard county, Indiana, August 15, 1868, a son of Daniel and Martha (Phillips) Thomas, both native Hoosiers, the former born in Rush county and the latter in Franklin county. Daniel Thomas attended the district schools in Rush county and worked on farms until he enlisted for service in the Civil war as a member of Company F, Sixteenth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, completed his term of enlistment, was honorably discharged, returned home and married, and from then until the close of his life followed farming. From his first farm in Rush county, he moved to Clinton county and from there to Howard county where he bought

eighty acres near Kokomo, remaining there until in September, 1881, when he moved back to Rush county and lived here until his death in 1900. He was survived two years by his widow. Of their eight children the following are living: Adda, Omar, Pleasant and Grant. Grant Thomas attended the public schools of Milroy. Coming of agricultural ancestry he naturally inclined to farm life and early began to make his own way by working as a farm hand. Mr. Thomas recalls the fact that for two years he worked steadily on farms for a wage of 75 cents a day and thereby, through thrift and industry, was able to accumulate a substantial addition to his capital that enabled him to purchase the old homestead of thirty-two acres in Anderson township. Since then, by continued industry and good management, he has added to his first body of land until he now owns 137 acres, highly cultivated and well improved. The Thomas home is a handsome modern residence. Mr. Thomas engages in general farming and raises stock, turning off about seventy-five head of hogs a year. In 1897 he married Edna Innis, daughter of William W. and Laura (Patton) Innis, and they have four children: William M., Jeanette, Pauline and Robert Patton, all residing at home. In politics Mr. Thomas is a Republican and interests himself to some degree in township affairs. With his family he belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church at Milroy.

WILLIAM B. CRANE, one of the men whose ability, industry and good citizenship have added to the character, prosperity and good government of Anderson township and the owner of a large and productive farm property, is a native of that township, born on December 1, 1862, a son of Isaac and Belinda (Camerer) Crane, natives of Rush county. The paternal grandparents of Mr. Crane, William Hayden and Sarah (Selby) Crane, emigrated to Rush county from Kentucky and were numbered among the early settlers of Anderson township, where they rounded out long, useful and honorable lives and died with the respect and esteem of the community. Isaac Crane was reared in Anderson township, and on the completion of a district school education began his activities in the field of agriculture, a vocation to which he devoted his entire life. One year prior to his demise he moved to Milroy, where he passed away in 1895. He was one of the successful farmers of his locality, and became the owner of 269 acres of valuable and productive land, all accumulated through his own exertions. Much of his success was due to his financial ability, and an important feature of his business activities was the loaning of money to the farmers of his locality. Mrs. Belinda Crane died in 1871, having been the mother of seven children, of whom five are now living: Marshall H., of Gowdy; William B., the subject of this review; George M., of Indianpolis; Clara, who married Seward Whiteman, and Emma, who married Charles Hasely, of Theodore, Ala. After the death of his first wife, Isaac Crane married Sarah Thomas and had two children, Daisy and Claude R. William B. Crane secured a good mental and general training in his youth, first

attending the district schools of Anderson and Orange township and subsequently pursuing a course at the Central Normal School at Danville. For ten winters he was a teacher in the rural schools of Orange and Anderson townships, the summer months being devoted to the duties of the home farm. When he gave up teaching Mr. Crane concentrated his attention to farming. His independent career was started as a renter, but after one year he bought eighty acres of the farm that is now his home in Anderson township. As the years passed he added to his holdings little by little, and at the present time is the owner of 287 acres of highly cultivated land, furnished with the most modern improvements and a commodious, comfortable and up-to-date home. In addition to carrying on general farming, he feeds out, annually, about forty head of cattle, and from 100 to 200 hogs. Mr. Crane married Martha J. Whiteman, daughter of William and Emma Whiteman, and to this union there have been born three children: Emily, who married A. H. Wimmer and has two children, Robert and John; Dolph W., who married Lenora LaVelle, and has one child, Mary Martha, and Belinda, who is unmarried and makes her home with her parents. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Milroy, of which Mr. Crane has been a member of the official board for many years. In politics he is a Democrat. Since its organization, in 1904, he has been a member of the board of directors of the Bank of Milroy. He is a well educated and well posted man, fully abreast of the times in all that pertains to agriculture and its most practical development, and takes a keen interest in education, politics, religion and homemaking.

CHARLES L. SMULLEN, M. D., physician and surgeon at Raleigh, is well and favorably known all through this section. Dr. Smullen was born in Fayette county, Indiana, November 20, 1864, a son of John and Elizabeth (McCann) Smullen. John Smullen was born in Bourbon county, Kentucky, where his people had settled at an early day. For many years he was engaged in the milling business at Connersville, Ind., after which he rented 160 acres of land in Union township, this county, and engaged in farming. He was a man of substantial character and universally respected. He married Elizabeth McCann, who was born in England, and they had seven children, two of whom survive, Richard and Charles L. Doctor Smullen was reared in Fayette county through boyhood, attended Fairview Academy and then pursued his medical studies in the Ohio Medical College and completed the same in the Indiana Medical College. He located first at Fairview where he practiced for several months and then moved to Raleigh. Doctor Smullen is the only medical practitioner there and enjoys a professional reputation that covers the vicinity. To some extent he is interested in agriculture in Rush county as he owns a highly productive farm located in Washington township. Doctor Smullen married Mary Higley, who was born in Fayette county. His second marriage was to Bertha M. Bunker, of Los Angeles, Cal., who was born in Rush county and formerly was

principal of the Washington township high school. Doctor and Mrs. Smullen have a wide social acquaintance and both are active in promoting the best interests of their county. In politics the Doctor is a Democrat. He is a Knight Templar, a thirty-second degree Mason and Shriner and belongs also to the Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias.

HUBERT R. JONES, a well known young farmer of Union township is a member of one of the pioneer families of Rush county, his grandfather, John A. Jones, having been one of the early settlers of Jackson township, he and his family having come here from North Carolina and established their home in the then almost wilderness section in which the family ever since has been represented. Hubert R. Jones was born in Jackson township on April 22, 1883, son of Calvin B. and Minerva (Porter) Jones, the latter of whom also was born in that township, a member of one of the real pioneer families there. Calvin B. Jones, who was a son of the pioneer John A. Jones above mentioned, was but a lad when he came to this county from North Carolina with his parents and he grew to manhood on the farm in Jackson township. For several years after leaving school he spent his winters teaching in the schools of Rush county and was ever interested in public affairs. He served for some time as trustee of Jackson township and then was elected a member of the board of county commissioners from his district and was thus serving at the time the new court house was erected. Calvin B. Jones was the owner of a good farm of 130 acres in Jackson township and his last days were spent in farming. He and his wife were the parents of five children, those besides the subject of this sketch being Frank P., George B., Anna M. and Margaret. Reared on the home farm in Jackson township, Hubert R. Jones received his schooling in the neighborhod schools and remained on the farm assisting his father in the operations of the same until the latter's death and after that operated the place in his mother's behalf and so continued until her death. In 1914 he bought a tract of sixty acres in Union township and was there engaged in farming for four years at the end of which time he sold that place and bought the ninety-acre tract on which he is now living in that same township, he and his family being very comfortably situated there on rural mail route No. 7 out of Rushville. In 1904 Hubert R. Jones was united in marriage to Edna Fletcher, who was born in Henry county, daughter of Elam Fletcher, and to this union three children have been born, Anna, Margaret and Russell. Mr. and Mrs. Jones are members of the Fairview Christian Church and are Republicans. Mr. Jones is a member of the Masonic lodge at Raleigh.

IRA B. HITE. The third generation of the Hite family to maintain the agricultural and stock raising prestige of Rush county, and to contribute also to the prosperity, well being and advancement of Richland township, is represented by Ira B. Hite, whose home is situated at Clarksburg. He was born in Richland township on July 19, 1868, a son of James D. and Malinda (Patterson) Hite, and a grand-

son of Alexander Hite, who was born in Virginia and migrated to Indiana, as a single man in 1823. He worked his way to the possession of 270 acres of good land in Rush county and made his home on his farm here until his retirement to Clarksburg, where he died with the respect and esteem of the entire community. He was the father of thirteen children, among whom was James D. Hite, who was born, reared and educated in Richland township, where he married Malinda Patterson, a native of Kentucky. His education was acquired in one of the first free schools in Richland township, and after completing his studies he worked in association with his father for about two years, following which he was married and at that time purchased his first land, a small tract of twenty acres, which forms a part of the farm now operated by his son. Mr. Hite was a man of industry and ability and during the course of an active career acquired 262 acres, all in Rush and Decatur counties. In 1895 he retired from active pursuits, and from that time until his death lived a quiet life, enjoying the fruits of the years of his early labor. He and his wife were the parents of four children, of whom two survive, Ira B. and Walter E. Ira B. Hite was given excellent educational advantages in his youth, first attending the schools of Richland township, later the high school at Clarksburg, from which he was graduated with the class of 1887, and then Butler College, where he took a classical course of two years. He followed this by one year at Indiana University, where he studied economics and law, and after leaving college spent two years in reading law at Greensburg. With this preparation, Mr. Hite was eminently equipped for a city career, but chose. instead, the environment of the country, and when he entered on his active career it was as a farmer and live stock raiser. Locating on his father's property, he commenced its cultivation, and at this time is operating 125 acres and making a decided success of his activities. He feeds out about 100 head of hogs a year, and in every department of his work uses the most modern and highly approved methods. Mr. Hite married Grace Brandt, daughter of John Brandt, and to this union there have been born two children, J. Virgil and Vera Louise, studious and purposeful young people who are attending school at Clarksburg. Mr. and Mrs. Hite are members of the Christian church. Mr. Hite is well and favorably known in Masonic circles, being past master of his lodge and a Knight Templar, and also is a noble of Murat Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in the latter of which he has passed through the chairs. In politics he is a Democrat.

HENRY HOOTEN, deceased, who long was a representative citizen and substantial farmer of Anderson township, this county, was born on his father's pioneer farm in that township on November 17, 1845. His parents were Jacob and Martha (Henry) Hooten, both of whom were born in Indiana. Jacob Hooten came to Rush county at an early day and entered land in Anderson township, where he developed a farm and on which he reared his family and lived until his

death. Henry Hooten had such school privileges as the neighborhood afforded in his youth and remained at home assisting his father until his marriage, at which time he moved to a tract of forty acres belonging to his father-in-law, which he operated together with the home place up to the time of his accidental death, August 4, 1879. He was a grain farmer and it was while attending to the threshing of his wheat that the engine in the thresher exploded and Mr. Hooten's death resulted. He was survived by his wife but by no children. In 1870 he married Jennie Somerville, who was born in Anderson township, in Rush county, daughter of William A. and Eliza (Hood) Somerville, both of whom were born in Fleming county, Kentucky. They were young when they came to Indiana, and they were married in Decatur county, in 1842. Three children were born to them: Samuel, Jennie and Ira, the only daughter becoming the wife of Henry Hooten. After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Somerville came to Rush county and bought land in Anderson township, to which they added until they owned 300 acres all in the same township. In early manhood William A. Somerville had worked as a cabinet maker, but after coming to Anderson township gave himself entirely to agricultural pursuits and prospered as a farmer and stockraiser. His death occurred on August 15, 1909. His wife had passed away on April 4, 1900. Mrs. Hooten still resides in Anderson township, where she owns 141 acres of valuable land. She is widely known and very highly esteemed and for sixty-one years has been a member of the Spring Hill United Presbyterian Church.

MELVIN MILLER is one of the progressive young men of Richland township who is devoting himself to agricultural pursuits instead of leaving the calling of his ancestors for others connected with city life. His success proves that his judgment was excellent when he decided to remain on the farm. He was born in Richland township, May 8, 1899, son of Otis L. and Mary (Smith) Miller, farming people of Richland township, and well-known all over Rush county. Melvin Miller attended the Butler school in Richland township where he acquired a fair knowledge of the fundamentals of an education, and then, upon leaving school, he began farming with his father, with whom he remained until 1920. In that year he secured 216 acres of the Lefforge land and is now engaged in farming it, carrying on general farming and stockraising. He is feeding about seventy-five hogs a year. On September 26, 1918, Melvin Miller married Myrtle Emsweller, daughter of William and Rosa Emsweller, and they have one child, Rosa Mary. While he exercises his right of suffrage and votes the Republican ticket, Mr. Miller has not yet cared to go into politics, preferring to devote all of his time and attention to his private affairs. He is a member of the Hopewell United Brethren Church. It would be difficult to find anywhere in the county a young man who enjoys in a higher degree the respect and confidence of his fellow citizens, and he deserves great credit for the efficient manner in which he is conducting his farm.

LESLIE B. BROWN, one of the successful farmers of Rushville township and a man widely and favorably known throughout Rush county as a good farmer and substantial citizen, was born in Walker township, this county, December 10, 1878, son of James A. and Carrie (Lowden) Brown, natives of Kentucky and Rush county, Indiana, respectively. James A. Brown was a farmer during all of his active years and is now living retired at Milroy. He and his wife had five children, all of whom are living, namely: Lolah, Jacob, Pearl, Mary and Leslie B. Growing up in his native township, Leslie B. Brown attended the local schools and from an early age made himself useful on the homestead, remaining with his father until his marriage. He then rented 180 acres of land in Richland township, and remained on it for eight years, at the end of which time he bought seventy-eight acres in Anderson township. Subsequently he sold that farm, and bought his present farm of 112 acres in Rushville township, where he is carrying on general farming and also raises a good deal of stock. On October 1, 1905, Mr. Brown married Myrtle Hasty, who was born in this county, daughter of George W. and Sarah J. (Major) Hasty. Mr. Hasty owns a farm of 106 acres in Anderson township. He and his wife have five living children: Charles, Albert, Elizabeth, May and Myrtle. Mr. and Mrs. Brown have two children, Lois, born on July 15, 1907, who is now a student in the Rushville high school, and Donald, born on April 14, 1914, who attends the Circleville school. Mr. Brown is a Republican and is a member of Milroy lodge, No. 654, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

JESSE C. BROOKS, a well-known young farmer and landowner of Union township and a former teacher in the schools of Rush county, was born in this county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in Center township on October 27, 1885, son of Robin J. and Addie (Bitner) Brooks, the latter of whom also was born in Rush county, a member of one of the old families here, and both of whom are still living. Robin J. Brooks is a Tennesseean who left his home in Tennessee in the days of his young manhood and was for some time thereafter engaged in working in Kentucky, later coming up into Indiana and locating in Rush county, where he began working as a farm hand at $15 the month. Four years after coming here he married Addie Bitner and then began farming on his own account as a renter, continuing as a renter until he was able to buy a tract of land in Center township, where he still lives, owner of a well kept farm of eighty acres. He and his wife have four children, those besides the subject of this sketch being Josie, Jennie and Orville. Reared on the home farm in Center township, Jesse C. Brooks received his schooling in the neighborhood schools and was graduated from the Center township high school in 1901. For six years thereafter he was engaged as a teacher in the schools of Rush county, continuing his farming operations during the summers on the home place, and after his marriage began farming on his own account. His operations prospered and in 1916 he bought the farm of 120 acres on which he is now living in

Union township. Since he took possession of this farm Mr. Brooks has made numerous improvements on the place and now has a well equipped farm plant. In 1906 Jesse C. Brooks was united in marriage to Avis Austin, who also was born in this county, daughter of Jacob D. and Mary J. (George) Austin of Union township, further mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume, and to this union one child has been born, a daughter, Frances Austin Brooks. Mr. and Mrs. Brooks have a pleasant home on rural mail route No. 7 out of Rushville and take an interested part in the community's general social activities. They are members of the Plum Creek Christian Church. Mr. Brooks is a Democrat.

CLYDE ARCHEY, one of the representative men of Anderson township and active and experienced along agricultural lines, is a member of a well known Rush county family. He was born in Orange township on September 7, 1882, a son of James P. and Elizabeth (Hill) Archey, the former of whom was born in Rockbridge county, Virginia, and the latter in Franklin county, Indiana. James P. Archey was nineteen years old when he accompanied his parents to Indiana, the journey being made in one of the oldtime "prairie schooners." His parents stopped in Shelby county but he pushed on into Rush county, with all his possessions tied up in a red handkerchief. He hired out as a farm hand and worked as such in Richland and other townships up to the time of his marriage, after which he operated rented land until he purchased the farm on which his son Clyde now resides. He continued as an active farmer until 1879, after which he devoted his energies to stock buying and trading, for which a keen business sense well fitted him. At the time of his death on December 9, 1918, Jams P. Archey owned 240 acres of land and was a stockholder in the Milroy Bank. He was a man of sterling integrity, generous and companionable, and will long be kindly remembered by many. Of his family of seven children all but one survive: Effie, widow of the late James F. Scull, of Orange township, Rush county, now the wife of Mr. Griffith, of San Francisco, Cal.; Edgar L., of Knightstown, Ind.; Zelma, wife of Walter Mansfield, of Milroy, Ind.; Hugh C., of Orange township; Clyde, of Anderson township; and Cleveland, of Mt. Victory, Ohio. Clyde Archey attended school in Orange and Anderson townships and in 1901 was graduated from the Milroy high school. Opportunity for usefulness was immediately at hand, and he was associated with his father in farming and handling stock until 1911, at which time he went into the newspaper business, purchasing the Milroy *Press*, which he conducted until 1916, when he sold out and returned to his earlier activities. He is now operating 123 acres of the old homestead, forty of which he owns, does general farming and stockraising and grows an exceptionally fine specimen of seed corn that sells throughout the county under the name of "Archey's Favorite." While operating in stock with his father the partners frequently fed out 300 head of hogs yearly and Mr. Archey now has about two car loads to ship. He is a breeder of the big spotted

Poland China hogs. He is interested in all matters pertaining to farmers, is wide awake and keeps thoroughly posted, and ever since the Indiana Farmers' Association of Anderson township was organized he was secretary of this body until this year. On May 10, 1906, Clyde Archey married Amy Catherine Aldridge, daughter of W. A. Aldridge, of Milroy, and they have two children, James William and Mary Louise. Mr. Archey and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Milroy, of which he is a steward, also district steward and a member of the finance committee. He is a Democrat, and is a member of Milroy lodge, No. 139, Free and Accepted Masons, and of the lodge of the Modern Woodmen of America at Milroy.

ROSCOE LEFFORGE. Among the early settlers of Rush county was the Lefforge family, of whom the present generation is very creditably represented by Roscoe Lefforge, one of the best known farmers of Richland township and a man who has, by a life consistent in motive and action, won the confidence and respect of the entire community in which he lives. Roscoe Lefforge was born in Richland township on January 4, 1883, and is a son of Philander and Ninetta (Scott) Lefforge, both of whom were also born in Rush county, the latter in Richland township. Philander Lefforge was reared to manhood in Noble township, but when about twenty years of age he accompanied the family on their removal to Richland township. Here he was married and then engaged in farming, continuing to follow that vocation continuously up to the time of his retirement, in October, 1905, when he went to Andersonville to live. He first started in as a renter, but soon afterward bought land now farmed by the subject of this sketch, increasing his holdings until eventually he was the owner of 240 acres, all in Richland township. He was the scion of one of the old families of this locality, his parents, Isaac and Florinda Lefforge, having been numbered among the pioneer families of this county. Both were natives of Indiana. The subject is the only survivor of the two children born to his parents. Roscoe Lefforge received his education in the schools of Richland township and after completing his schooling he went to work with his father and soon entered into a partnership with him. They carried on their farming operations together until October, 1913, when the partnership was dissolved and Mr. Lefforge has since been working independently. From 1913 to 1919 he operated eighty acres which he had bought, but in the latter year he rented 240 acres additional from his father, so that he is now farming 320 acres. All of his grain is devoted to stock feed, as he feeds about 300 hogs and a carload of cattle each year. Mr. Lefforge was married to Lela King, the daughter of W. P. and Mary King, and to them have been born two children, Angus and Lowell. The family are identified with the Hopewell United Brethren Church. Mr. Lefforge has long been a strong supporter of the Prohibition party, as he is unalterably opposed to all forms of the liquor traffic. Personally, he is a man of many excellent qualities of character and is popular in the circles in which he moves.

PAUL FOSTER, a well-known and progressive young farmer of Union township, this county, was born in that township and has lived there all his life, engaged in farming on his own account since his marriage at the age of twenty-five years. He was born on April 12, 1892, son of Charles and Harriet (Smith) Foster, who are still living, and further and fitting reference to whom is made elsewhere in this volume of biography together with additional details regarding the Foster and the Smith families in this section of the state, to which additional details the attention of the reader is invited in this connection. Reared on the home farm in Union township, Paul Foster received his schooling in the Union township graded school at Ging Station and from the days of his boyhood has devoted his attention to farming, having been given careful training in agricultural methods by his father. After his marriage he became engaged in farming on his own account, renting from his mother an eighty-acre tract owned by her in Union township, established his home on that place and has since resided there, he and his family being quite comfortably situated. In addition to his general farming Mr. Foster feeds out about fifty head of hogs a year and is annually extending his operations, which are carried on in up-to-date fashion. It was in 1917 that Paul Foster was united in marriage to Myrtle Johnson, who also was born in this county, daughter of Otis and Nellie Johnson, and to this union one child has been born, a son, Emerson. Mr. and Mrs. Foster have a pleasant home and give proper attention to the general social activities of their home neighborhood. In their political views they are supporters of the principles of the Democratic party.

ALVA WEBB, owner of 160 acres of valuable land in Rushville township, has the satisfaction of possessing the homestead of his family to which he is very much attached. He was born in Rushville township on April 8, 1871, son of Arthur and Casandra (Plessinger) Webb, both natives of Rush county. For fourteen years after his marriage Arthur Webb lived in Shelby county, Indiana, but then moved back to Rush county and located on the 160-acre farm now owned by his son, and here he spent the remainder of his life, having always been a farmer. He and his wife had eight children of whom four survive: Maria, Horatio C., Inis and Alva. Growing up in Rushville township, Alva Webb attended the Webb school, which was named in honor of his father, upon whose farm it was located. After leaving school Alva Webb began farming with his father, remaining at home until he was twenty-eight years old. When he was twenty-six he was married, but did not leave the homstead for two years thereafter, and then went on a rented farm in Walker township, on which he remained for two years. Returning to Rushville township he rented the farm adjoining the homestead for ten years. At the expiration of that period he bought his father's old farm from his estate and has the entire 160 acres, on which he is carrying on general farming and raises about 200 head of hogs annually. On May 26, 1897, Mr. Webb was married to Mrs. Dora (Hollowell) Emmons, a widow with one

daughter, Hattie L. Emmons. She is a daughter of William and Lydia (Davis) Hollowell, both of whom were born in Rush county, where William Hollowell was engaged in farming. Of their four children, Mrs. Webb is the only survivor. Mr. Webb belongs to Rushville lodge, No. 35, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and Ivy lodge, Knights of Pythias. The Christian church of Homer affords him an expression for his religious faith and he has long been on its membership rolls. In politics he is a Republican. A hard-working and thrifty man he has prospered, and is justly entitled to the position he occupies in his community.

OMER PIERSON, one of Union township's well known farmers and formerly and for nearly a quarter of a century a resident of Rushville, was born in Rush county and has lived here all his life, with the exception of five years spent in West Virginia. He was born in New Salem in Noble township on July 14, 1870, son of Lorenzo B. and Mary H. (Jarrell) Pierson, the latter of whom also was born in this county, a member of one of the old families of Noble township. Lorenzo B. Pierson was a Virginian, born in that section of the Old Dominion which since the Civil war has been known as West Virginia and which remained loyal to the Union during that struggle between the states. He grew to manhood there and when the war broke out went over into Ohio and enlisted his services in behalf of the Union and went to the front with an Ohio regiment, serving until the end of the war. Not long after the completion of his military service Mr. Pierson came to Indiana and located in Rush county, beginning work here as a farm hand. He married in Noble township, rented a farm there and established his home, remaining here the rest of his life with the exception of a period of about five years during which he had resumed his residence in West Virginia, and his last days were spent in Rushville at the home of his son Omer. Lorenzo B. Pierson and wife were the parents of six children, of whom three are living, the subject of this sketch; his sister, Florence, wife of Charles Boyes, and Raymond. Reared in Noble township, Omer Pierson received his schooling in the neighborhood schools and early turned his attention to farming. He married at the age of twenty-two and for two or three years thereafter continued farming. He then moved to Rushville and became engaged as a clerk in a grocery store, a vocation he followed for nearly twenty years, or until in 1917, when he returned to farming, established his home on the place he is now farming in Union township and has since resided there, the old James R. Nixon farm on rural mail route No. 1 out of Falmouth. This is a well kept and well improved farm of 103 acres and since taking charge of the same Mr. Pierson has carried on his operations in accordance with up-to-date methods and has done well. In 1892 Omer Pierson was united in marriage to Kate Nixon, who also was born in Rush county, and to this union six children have been born, of whom but one, Myrl Nixon Pierson, is now living. Mr. and Mrs. Pierson are members of the Christian church and Mr. Pierson has during several different terms

served as a member of the official board of the same. They are Republicans and Mr. Pierson is a member of the Rushville lodges of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and the Maccabees. Mrs. Pierson was born on a farm in Washington township, this county, a daughter of James R. and Jane (Abernathy) Nixon, the latter of whom also was born in this county, a member of one of the pioneer families of Union township and who is still living, now making her home with Mr. and Mrs. Pierson. James R. Nixon was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, and was six years of age when he came with his parents to Indiana, the family locating on a farm in Washington township, this county, where he grew to manhood. After his marriage James R. Nixon bought a farm of 114 acres in that township and made his home there for about thirty years, at the end of which time he sold that place and bought the farm of 103 acres on which Mr. and Mrs. Pierson are now living and there spent the remainder of his life. He and his wife were the parents of nine children, of whom four are still living, those besides Mrs. Pierson being Robert W., Sallie and Lula.

WILLIAM MYERS, an experienced and capable farmer operating in Anderson township, this county, was born in that township on June 1, 1886, a son of John J. and Elizabeth (Free) Myers, both of whom were born in Indiana, the father in Fayette county and the mother in Rush county. John J. Myers, who died in 1910, was a farmer all his life, first in Fayette county and afterward in other counties in the state. His widow survives and lives on the home place in Anderson township with her son William. Two other sons are living, Oren and Otis Myers, both residents of Rush county. William Myers had educational opportunities in Anderson township and ever since his school days ended has given attention to farming on the homestead. He is operating 100 acres and in his management has proved himself a practical business man. He turns off about eighty head of hogs a year. On October 4, 1916, William Myers married Helen Jarrell, daughter of Frank Jarrell. Mrs. Myers is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Myers is an intelligent, well informed man, votes as an independent Republican, and performs every public duty asked of him as a citizen.

LESLIE MILLER, of Richland township, one of the representative agriculturists of his section of the county—progressive, enterprising and persevering, was born on February 14, 1882, in the township in which he now lives, and is the son of George W. and Anna (Graham) Miller, both of whom are natives of Rush county. George W. Miller was reared to manhood in this county, receiving a good practical education in the common schools. After completing his studies, he turned his attention to agriculture, to which he devoted himself continuously until about five years prior to his death, which occurred on January 10, 1920. His wife had passed away on July 20, 1914. Mr. Miller had enjoyed a splendid reputation among his fellow farmers. He had started farming on a modest scale, but by

industry and good management he had gradually increased his holdings until he became the owner of 508 acres of fine farm land, all lying in Richland township. To him and his wife were born two children, the subject of this sketch and Dwight. Leslie Miller received his educational training in the common schools of Richland township and then rented land from his father, continuing his farming operations in that way until the father's death, when he inherited a portion of the homestead. He is now operating 222 acres, which he devotes to general farming and stock raising, in which he has met with a gratifying measure of success. He feeds about 125 head of hogs a year. On April 10, 1904, Mr. Miller was married to Grace E. Mercer, the daughter of James and Maggie Mercer, and they are the parents of two children, Naomi Ruth and Robert Kenneth. Mr. and Mrs. Miller are active members of the Hopewell United Brethren Church. Mr. Miller is a stanch supporter of the Republican party and he takes an intelligent interest in all public affairs, especially as relating to his own county and township, ever giving his support to all movements for the advancement of the general welfare.

OSCAR H. REES, a well-known farmer and landowner of Union township, proprietor of a well kept farm on rural mail route No. 7 out of Rushville, was born in that same township on June 19, 1876, son of John and Alice (Hassard) Rees, the latter of whom is still living, now making her home in Rushville. Mrs. Alice Rees was born in the state of Delaware and was but a young girl when she came to Indiana with her parents, Doctor Hassard and wife, the family locating at Fairview in Fayette county, where for years Doctor Hassard was engaged in the practice of his profession. John Rees was born in the neighboring county of Fayette, son of John and Nancy Rees, Pennsylvanians, who were among the pioneer residents of Fayette county, and he grew to manhood in that county, a farmer from his youth. A year after his first marriage (to Nancy Gray) he came over into Rush county and bought a tract of 107 acres in Union township, the place on which his son Oscar is now living, and there he spent the remainder of his life engaged in farming. He prospered in his operations and bought an adjacent tract of 140 acres, thus increasing his land holdings to 247 acres, and was accounted one of the substantial citizens of the community. He and his second wife, Alice Hassard, were the parents of three children, the subject of this sketch having two brothers, Burton and Justus Rees. Reared on the home farm in Union township, Oscar Rees received his schooling in the Ging schools and continued farming with his father until his marriage at the age of twenty-one years, after which he rented a farm over in Fayette county for a year, at the end of which time he returned to Rush county and bought an eighty-acre tract in the Fairview neighborhood. Two years later he traded that tract for a part of the Rees home farm, where he is now living, and has since resided there, the owner of eighty acres, besides which he is farming an adjoining tract of 107 acres, making 187 acres which he has under his charge. In addition

to his general farming Mr. Rees feeds out a couple of car loads of hogs a year and is doing well in his operations. In 1898 Oscar Rees was united in marriage to Leona Hartman, a daughter of Hezekiah and Florence Hartman, and to this union seven children have been born, Lois, Delphine, Carroll, Donald, Florence, Francis and Catherine. Mr. and Mrs. Rees are Republicans. They are members of the Ben Davis Christian Church and Mr. Rees formerly was a deacon in the church and for the past twelve years or more has been one of the elders, he and his wife for years having given their earnest attention to the work of the church.

GEORGE M. WALLACE, one of the prosperous farmers and stockraisers of Rushville township and a well-known citizen of Rush county, a member of one of the old families of this region, was born at Rushville on September 7, 1892, son and only child of John C. and Katie (Mull) Wallace, the former of whom was born at Rushville, and the latter in Walker township, this county. After he left school John C. Wallace went into the printing and publishing business, he and his brother issuing the *Jacksonian* at Rushville, and continued to do so for about fifteen years. He then retired from newspaper work and took up farming in Rushville township, on the farm now operated by his son, George M. Wallace. Here he resided for a number of years, but is now retired and living at Rushville. George M. Wallace was reared and educated at Rushville and was graduated from the high school in 1912, after which he entered the employ of the United States Express Company, with which he remained for two years, at the end of which time he began farming, locating on the homestead of 240 acres which he rents from his father. Here he is carrying on general farming and raises about 250 head of hogs annually. On May 29, 1914, Mr. Wallace married Florence Nipp, daughter of John and Lydia Nipp. Mrs. Wallace was born in Washington township, this county, and took the first three years of high school work at Raleigh, completing it in the Rushville high school. Her father was a miller of Washington township, and had the following children, all of whom are living: Carl V., John, Jr., Gilbert E., Ralph A., Frank M. and Florence. Mr. and Mrs. Wallace have one son, John M., who was born on August 10, 1915. Mr. Wallace is a member of Ivy lodge, No. 27, Knights of Pythias, and of Rushville lodge, No. 1307, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a member of the Presbyterian church at Rushville. Mr. Wallace has always voted the Democratic ticket. He is properly numbered among the alert, enterprising and successful young men of Rush county and stands high in popular esteem.

JOHN HUNGERFORD, a well-known retired farmer of Orange township, this county, was born in that township on July 26, 1851, a son of John and Nancy (Callahan) Hungerford, the former of whom was born in Butler county, Ohio, and the latter in Fleming county, Kentucky. They were married in Rush county and spent their subsequent lives here, John Hungerford being a farmer and owning 160

acres of land in Orange township. Of their seven children the following are living: Pliny, Elbert, Mary and John. John Hungerford attended the district school near his father's farm in boyhood and remained at home working for his father until his own marriage, when he began farming for himself. He bought the farm of eighty acres in Orange township on which he still lives and for many years operated it as a grain and stock farm. He is no longer active as a farmer, having a very satisfactory arrangement with tenants. On September 17, 1876, Mr. Hungerford married Malissa Harcourt, who also was born in Rush county, daughter of James F. and Harriet (Keeler) Harcourt, also natives of this county. James F. Harcourt was a farmer and also was an inventor and the Harcourt wheat drill that he manufactured was his own invention and became quite generally used hereabout. Of his nine children there are six surviving: Alonzo, Edgar, Wilbur, Ira, Elmaza G. and Malissa. Mr. and Mrs. Hungerford have two sons: Bert, who follows farming in Rush county and who married Stella Conn and has two children, Vaughn and Crystal; and Leslie, also a farmer in Rush county, who married Emma Kney. Mr. Hungerford is one of the older members of the Big Flat Rock Christian Church, in which organization he has long been a deacon and also a member of the board of trustees. He is of the Democratic faith and for one term served the public as trustee of Orange township.

RAY POWER. That agriculture can be made one of the most agreeable and satisfying occupations of human life, that industry, good judgment and perseverance bring results, and that honesty and fairmindedness are among the most useful of assets, are facts emphasized in the life of Ray Power, one of the substantial agriculturists of Anderson township. Mr. Power was born in that township on November 26, 1885, a son of George and Lurissa (Crawford) Power, natives of Rush county. George Power was reared and educated in Anderson township and as a young man adopted farming, a vocation which he followed during the remainder of his active life. He retired in 1916 and since that time has lived quietly in his comfortable home at Milroy. The district schools of Anderson township furnished Ray Power with his early education, following which he enrolled as a student at the high school at Milroy, where he was a member of the first class to graduate after a four-year term. Upon leaving school, he became associated with his father in the operation of the home farm and remained with the elder man for eleven years, but following his marriage moved to his present property. In 1915 Mr. Power had bought the home farm of 160 acres, but in September, 1919, when he bought his present place of 370 acres he disposed of the farm upon which he had been born. At the present time Mr. Power carries on general farming and stock feeding. He feeds his grain to his live stock, feeding out about 300 hogs a year. During his active career Mr. Power has lived close to high ideals, and his citizenship has imparted strength and substantiality to all undertakings in which his

ability and worth have been enlisted. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Milroy, of which he has served as a member of the board of trustees for a number of years, and in his political views maintains an independent stand. Mr. Power married Ethel Meal, daughter of James and Mary Meal, and they have two children, Gladys and Cedric, both of whom are attending the grammar school at Milroy.

OTIS L. MILLER, a prominent and well-known citizen of Richland township and a man who has achieved a marked degree of success in his chosen vocation, so that he now enjoys to a notable degree the respect and confidence of his fellow citizens, was born in Douglas county, Illinois, on the 10th day of March, 1877, and is the son of E. B. and Mary A. (Blue) Miller, who spent their last days in Rush county. E. B. Miller was an honored veteran of the Civil war, having enlisted his services in behalf of the cause of the Union on July 21, 1862. He went to the front as a private in C Company, Sixty-eighth regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and served with that command for nearly three years, being discharged at Nashville, Tenn., June 25, 1865, a sergeant of C Company. Mr. Miller was a farmer all his life. His wife died in October, 1886, and his death occurred in March, 1887. They were the parents of seven children, of whom five are still living, those besides the subject of this sketch being Stella, Earl, Angus and Harry. Otis L. Miller was but a child when his parents came to Rush county and he was but ten years of age when his father died. The death of his mother the year before thus left him doubly orphaned and he was reared in the family of Jesse I. and Louella Lafforge, with whom he remained until his marriage, receiving his schooling in the excellent schools of Richland township. After his marriage Mr. Miller started farming on his own account, renting land from Mr. Lafforge, and has farmed as a renter continuously since. He has been a good manager of his business affairs and has been prospered in his efforts, so that he has become the owner of 160 acres of excellent land. He is now farming 377 acres in Richland township, on which he carries on general farming and stock raising. He feeds annually about 200 hogs and a carload of cattle. He is up-to-date and progressive in his methods and is a man of sound and practical ideas. Mr. Miller was married to Mary L. Smith, the daughter of Dr. J. L. and Sarah (Shepard) Smith, and they are the parents of six children, Melvin, Jesse, Gertrude, Charles, Thelma and Mary Elizabeth. Melvin Miller married Myrl Emsweller, and they have a daughter, Rosemary. Mr. Miller and his family are identified with the United Brethren church and in politics he gives his support to the Republican party. Genial in disposition and unassuming in manner, he enjoys to a marked degree the respect and esteem of the entire community in which he lives. Mrs. Miller was born at Clarksburg, in the neighboring county of Decatur, where her father, Dr. J. L. Smith, has been engaged in practice for many years, though now living practically retired. Doctor Smith was born in Jefferson

county, this state, a member of one of the pioneer families down there, and his wife was born in Ohio. The Doctor grew to manhood in his home county and completed his schooling there in Hanover College, after which for some time he was engaged in teaching school with a view to earning his way to medical college. In time he was able to matriculate at the Cincinnati Medical College and upon receiving his diploma from that institution located at Clarksburg, where he is still living. He and his wife have had seven children, of whom six are still living, those besides Mrs. Miller being Jessie G., James T., Fred J., Carlos and Pauline. Miss Jessie G. Smith has been for years a teacher of music and voice culture and in this vocation has traveled quite extensively.

THOMAS W. LOWER, who is engaged in operating the homestead farm of his family in Rushville township and is so successful in his business that he is numbered among the leading agriculturalists of Rush county, was born in that township on January 19, 1865, son of John W. and Rhoda A. (Edmondson) Lower, both of whom were born in Rush county, near Rushville, the former on May 3, 1830, and the latter in April, 1833. All his life John W. Lower was a farmer and he became the owner of eighty acres of land, upon which his son is now living. He and his wife had seven children, five of whom are now living: Amanda, Emily, Anna, Martha and Thomas W. Thomas W. Lower attended the local schools and then began farming with his father, with whom he remained until his marriage, at which time he left home and rented eighty acres of land and operated it for two years. He then returned to the homestead and operated the farm for his father until his death, after which he operated it for his mother until her death, which occurred about a year later. Mr. Lower then bought the property from the other heirs and has since lived on it. In addition to doing general farming he raises about 150 head of big type Poland China hogs annually. On November 15, 1894, Mr. Lower married Anna L. Hilligoss, daughter of Elliott and Rosanna (Sell) Hilligoss, natives of Rush county, where Elliott Hilligoss was engaged in farming all his life. Mrs. Lower was born in Madison county, Indiana. Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Lower, all of whom are living: Florence A., who married Denzil Mull, a farmer of Walker township, and has a daughter, Maxine; John W., a farmer of Walker township, who married Favora Goddard; Lafayette B., Edith L., Ellen, Rosanna S. and Ruth E. The Lowers are members of the Pleasant Ridge Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Lower is a Democrat. Having spent all of his life in Rushville township Mr. Lower is naturally much attached to the locality, and here all of his interests center. He is proud of his old home and neighborhood and supports those movements which have for their object the improvement of local conditions.

EARL HINCHMAN, one of the well known and substantial farmers and landowners of Union township, was born in the house in which he is now living in that township on January 2, 1878, son

of Sanford and Clara (Stephens) Hinchman, both members of pioneer families in this section of Indiana, the latter born over in the neighboring county of Franklin. Sanford Hinchman was born in Union township, Rush county, a son of John and Margaret Hinchman and a member of the well known pioneer family of that name, many representatives of which are living here in the present generation, and grew to manhood on the home farm. After his marriage he established his home on a farm of his own in the same township and was there actively engaged in farming until his retirement in 1917. To him and his wife were born six children, those besides the subject of this sketch being Albert, Murtella, Edith, Madison and Leslie. Earl Hinchman was reared on the home farm in Union township and received his schooling in the nearby district school. Until he was twenty-five years of age he continued farming with his father and then rented a farm and started out "on his own hook," continuing thus engaged as a renter for fourteen years, at the end of which time he bought the old home place of 120 acres and has since made his home there, carrying on the operations of the place in up-to-date fashion. Since taking possession of this place Mr. Hinchman has made numerous improvements in the way of a modern readjustment and has a well equipped farm plant. In addition to his general farming he gives considerable attention to the raising of live stock and is doing well. In 1904 Earl Hinchman was united in marriage to Catherine Ryburn, who was born in Fayette county, daughter of Agnew G. and Martha (Murray) Ryburn, and to this union four children have been born, Helen, Marion, Howard and Edward. The Hinchmans have a very pleasant home on rural mail route No. 1 out of Glenwood and have ever taken an interested and hospitable part in the community's general social affairs. Mrs. Hinchman is a member of the United Presbyterian church. Mr. Hinchman is a Republican and has ever given a good citizen's attention to local civic affairs.

RICHARD M. FARLOW, the proprietor of a well-cultivated and productive property in Anderson township and a farmer and citizen of substantial standing, still in the prime of a useful life, is a native of Anderson township, where his position of honor has been earned by years of labor and intelligently directed industry. Mr. Farlow was born on September 14, 1860, a son of Reuben and Elizabeth (Gosnell) Farlow, natives of Rush county. His grandfather, Hiram Farlow, was born in the Carolinas, and as a young man migrated to Indiana, here meeting and marrying Elizabeth Townsend, a native of Kentucky. Settling in Orange township, this county, they engaged in agricultural pursuits and there rounded out long and useful lives. Reuben Farlow attended the district schools of the log cabin style of architecture and grew to manhood in Rush county, where he engaged in farming as the associate of his father. At the age of twenty-four years he was married and commenced operations on his own account, first as a renter, which was his status for eighteen years, and then as the owner of a property of his own. Mr. Farlow became one of the successful

agriculturists of his locality and accumulated some 400 acres, but much of this land has been distributed among his children, and at present he is the owner of 190 acres, upon which he is still directing operations as a general farmer and stock raiser. His wife died on March 20, 1921. They had the distinction of being the oldest couple in Anderson township, Mr. Farlow being eighty-eight and his wife eighty-nine years of age. Of their four children, two are living: Richard M. and Susan, the wife of Stillman A. Fisher. Richard M. Farlow received his education in the country schools of Anderson township, after leaving which he took up farming on the home place and continued his operations as the associate of his father until reaching the age of twenty-three years. He then embarked in activities on his own account on a part of his present farm, upon which he has put all the present modern improvements. Mr. Farlow now is the owner of 260 acres in Anderson township, 160 acres in Adams township, Decatur county, and eighty acres in Jennings county, and applies himself to general farming and the raising of live stock, feeding about 200 hogs a year, besides his cattle. Mr. Farlow married Lida Steel, daughter of Warren and Elizabeth Steel, and to this union there have been born three children: Walter, who married Grace Williams and has two children, Kenneth and Ralph; Mabel, who married Dwight Davison, and Clarence, who is attending high school at Milroy. Mr. and Mrs. Farlow and their children are members of the Church of God. In his political allegiance he is a Democrat.

LEO W. KEISLING, one of the best known and most enterprising of the younger generation of agriculturists of Richland township, and a member of one of the leading families of Rush county, was born on February 10, 1896, on the farm on which he now resides and he is a son of L. W. and Lillie (Gordon) Keisling, the former a native of Anderson township, Rush county, and the latter born in Franklin county, Indiana. L. W. Keisling grew to manhood in this county, attending the common schools of his home neighborhood, and then attended Moores Hill College. After completing his collegiate education, Mr. Keisling took up farming as his life vocation, and remained actively engaged as such until his retirement, in May, 1920, when he went to Rushville to reside. He was successful in his business affairs and accumulated a fine farm of 400 acres. Mr. Keisling has been married twice. To his union with Lillie Gordon were born three children, George, Kate and Leo W. After the death of the mother of these children, the father was married to Lucy Guffin. Leo W. Keisling received his elementary education in the public schools of Richland township and the high school at New Salem, and then attended Purdue University two years, taking the general agricultural course the first year and animal husbandry the second year. On leaving college, Mr. Keisling returned home and assisted his father in the operation of the home farm until the latter's retirement, since which time he has operated the farm on his own account. His preliminary acquaintance with the farming methods of his father, supplemented by his studies

at Purdue, amply qualified him for conducting the work on a high plane and he has already demonstrated his ability in an unmistakable manner. One hundred and twenty acres of the land are devoted to corn, eighty-five acres to small grain and sixty acres to clover seed. Mr. Keisling gives considerable attention to the raising of live stock, feeding practically all his corn to hogs and cattle. On June 12, 1920, Mr. Keisling was married to Olive Ginn, a daughter of Frank and Pearl Ginn. Mr. and Mrs. Keisling are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Richland and in politics Mr. Keisling gives his support to the Republican party. Genial in disposition and unassuming in manner, he enjoys to a marked degree the esteem and friendship of all who know him.

FREDERICK W. POSEY, of Rushville township, one of the enterprising young farmers who are assisting in maintaining Rush county's undisputed agricultural prestige, was born in Posey township, this county, January 29, 1886, son of William A. and Laura F. (Conde) Posey, both of whom were born in Rush county, the former in Walker township and the latter in Rushville township. A farmer all his life William A. Posey became the owner of 140 acres of land in Rushville township. Of his nine children the following are now living: Fred W., Iva, Mary, Lola, Jessie, and Ethel. Frederick W. Posey was reared in Rushville township and attended district school No. 8. Until his marriage he remained at home, during the last two years of that period operating the farm for his widowed mother, after the death of his father. Following his marriage Mr. Posey rented 232 acres of land in Rushville township and is still operating this farm and another one, owned by his uncle, Charles H. Posey. He carries on general farming and raises about 150 head of hogs annually. On November 8, 1919, Mr. Posey married Ada McConnell, daughter of Madison and Martha (Rease) McConnell. Mrs. Posey was born and educated in Fayette county, Indiana. Mr. and Mrs. Posey have one son, Frederick Eugene, who was born on October 5, 1920. Mr. Posey is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Arlington and is a Republican.

JUSTUS REES, a well-known farmer of Union township, was born in that same township, March 2, 1879, and has lived there all his life. He is a son of John and Alice (Hassard) Rees, further mention of whom, together with additional details of the Rees and Hassard families, is made elsewhere in this volume and the latter of whom is still living, now making her home at Rushville. She is a daughter of Doctor Hassard, who for years was engaged in the practice of medicine at Fairview. John Rees, who at the time of his death was the owner of 247 acres of good land in Union township, was a son of John Rees and wife, who had come to Indiana from Pennsylvania and located in Fayette county. A year after his first marriage (to Nancy Gray) John Rees came to Rush county and established his home in Union township, where he spent the remainder of his life. He and his second wife (Alice Hassard) were the parents of three sons, the subject of

this sketch having two brothers, Oscar and Burton. Reared on the home farm in Union township, Justus Rees received his schooling in the neighborhood schools and from the days of his boyhood was well trained in the ways of the farm. After his marriage he started farming "on his own" and was for two years thus engaged as a renter, renting a part of his father's farm. He then bought the eighty-acre farm on which he is now living and has since resided there, he and his family having a very comfortable home on rural mail route No. 7 out of Rushville. Since purchasing this place Mr. Rees has made numerous improvements on it and has a well equipped farm plant. Mr. Rees has been twice married. His first wife, who was Agnes Stevens, died leaving him one child, a son, Russell Rees. He then married Bertha Shortridge, daughter of Sanford and Ida Shortridge, and to this union two children have been born, Myron D. and Ellen Louise. Mr. and Mrs. Rees are members of the Plum Creek Christian Church and are Republicans. Mr. Rees is a member of the local lodges of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Red Men at Falmouth and has for years given interested attention to the affairs of these organizations.

BEALE BROS., general contractors in plumbing, heating, sheet metal and tin work, with a well established plant at Rushville and doing business all over this part of the state, have long been regarded as one of the substantial industrial firms in Rush county. The brothers, John S. Beale and Fred R. Beale, doing business under the firm style of Beale Bros., are natives of Rush county and members of one of the old families here, the Beales having been represented in this county since pioneer days. They are the sons of William and Elizabeth (Souder) Beale, both of whom were born in this county, members of pioneer families in Jackson township. William Beale, an honored veteran of the Civil war, former county treasurer of Rush county and at the time of his death a well known clothing merchant of Rushville, was reared in this county and was living here when the Civil war broke out. He enlisted for service in behalf of the Union cause and went to the front as a member of D Company, Sixty-eighth regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry. At the battle of Chickamauga he was severely wounded and was taken a prisoner by the enemy, on the first day of that battle, September 19, 1863. Nine days later, however, he was exchanged at Nashville and soon after was mustered out, with the rank of first lieutenant. He engaged for many years thereafter in business in Rushville. Mr. Beale was a Republican and ever took an active part in the civic affairs of the county. As noted above, he had served as treasurer of the county. He also served for a time as trustee of Rushville township and was in other ways interested in public affairs. He and his wife were the parents of eleven children, five of whom are still living, John S., Jennie, Minnie, Harry, Fred R. and Myra. John S. Beale, the second of these children and the founder of the firm of Beale Bros., was born at Carthage, this county, and early became engaged in plumbing and tinning, a trade

which he presently made a business, becoming a contractor on his own account. In 1892 he founded the establishment which is now being conducted under the name of Beale Bros., the name which it has borne since in the fall of 1915 when Fred R. Beale was taken into partnership by his brother. Fred R. Beale was born at Rushville in 1876. Upon completing the course in the high school there he began working at the tailor's trade and was thus engaged when the Spanish-American war broke out, in 1898. He enlisted for service and was attached to H Company, One Hundred and Sixty-first regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, going to Cuba with that command and serving until it was mustered out on May 31, 1899, the war then being at an end. Mr. Beale enlisted as a private and when mustered out was drill sergeant of his company. Upon his return from the army Fred R. Beale became engaged working in his brother's plumbing establishment and so continued until the partnership between the brothers was formed in the fall of 1915. Fred R. Beale is a Knight Templar Mason and a member of the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias, in which latter he has served as chancellor commander. He married Bessie Schmidt and has three children, May Elizabeth, Frances and Bonnie Jean.

TED C. KING, a well-known farmer of Richland township, who has risen through energy, persistence and sound judgment to a position of comfort and influence in his community, was born on the farm where he now lives on September 18, 1881, and is the son of Zenas and Hester E. (Kelso) King, the former a native of Rush county and the latter of Dearborn county, Indiana. Zenas King grew to manhood and received his education in Richland township, and eventually was married there. He was reared to the life of a farmer and followed that vocation during all his active life, his death occurring when he was forty-six years of age. He was a member of one of the pioneer families of this locality, his father, Charles H. King, having come to this county from Franklin county, Indiana, in an early day and also followed farming here during the remainder of his life. To Zenas and Hester King were born three children, of whom the subject of this review is the only survivor. Ted C. King attended the common schools of Posey township, Franklin county, to which locality his mother had moved after the death of her husband. After leaving the school at Andersonville, Mr. King applied himself to the operation of his mother's farm, where he remained until 1909, when he moved to the farm where he now lives in Richland township, comprising 150 acres. He has made a number of important and substantial improvements on this place, including a commodious, convenient and attractive house. Altogether, Mr. King's farm compares favorably with any other farm in this section of the country. He carries on general farming and stock raising and feeds from 250 to 300 head of hogs annually. Mr. King was married to Maggie Stamm, the daughter of John and Alice Stamm, and they have become the parents of five children, William, Alice, Doris, Mary and Catherine. Mr. and Mrs.

King are members of the Christian church at Andersonville and in politics Mr. King is a stanch supporter of the Republican party. Genial and obliging in disposition, he has made many warm and loyal friends, who esteem him for his genuine worth.

JACOB R. BROWN. The qualities of adaptability, persistence, common sense and good judgment have prevailed in the energetic career of Jacob R. Brown, winning for him recognition and position in the agricultural element of Anderson township. Mr. Brown, who is familiarly known as Jake R. Brown, was born in Walker township, Rush county, February 25, 1882, a son of J. A. and Carrie C. (Lowden) Brown. His parents, who have been farming people all their lives in Rush county, have five children: Leslie B., Lola, Pearl, Mary and Jacob R. Jacob R. Brown received his education in the public schools of Walker and Richland townships, in which communities he was reared, and on leaving school engaged in farming at home. At the time of his marriage, he rented a farm in Richland township, and remained there as a renter for five years, then moving to the farm of Ira Somerville, in Anderson township, where he remained about five years. In 1916 he returned to the farm of his parents in Anderson township, where he is renting 200 acres and operating the property for general farming and stock raising. He carries on his activities according to the latest approved methods, and is industrious, energetic and practical in his work and aims. During the past eighteen years he has operated a threshing outfit in Rush county and has thus become widely known to the agriculturists of this section of the state, by whom he is accounted a man of the highest business integrity. Mr. Brown feeds out about 200 to 240 hogs per year, and in this department, as in others of his work, has been highly successful. In 1907 Mr. Brown was united in marriage with Jessie Palmer, daughter of William and Carrie Palmer, and to this union there have been born three children, Wilma, Thelma and Wendel. Mr. and Mrs. Brown and their children are members of the Methodist Episcopal church at Milroy. In politics Mr. Brown's allegiance is given to the Republican party, and as a fraternalist he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias, at Milroy, in both of which lodges he has "passed through the chairs."

ROBERT W. COX, who died at his home in Rushville in the spring of 1907 and who for many years had been one of the most active and influential figures in the commercial life of that city, was born in Rushville and had resided there all his life. He was born on March 13, 1850, son of Robert Stewart and Susan (Beaver) Cox, both members of pioneer families in this county and whose last days were spent here. Robert Stewart Cox, who in his generation was one of the vital influences for good hereabout, was a son of Daniel and Mary (Stewart) Cox and was for years engaged in the practice of law at Rushville. He was born on June 1, 1802, in Monongahela county, Virginia, and came to the new state of Indiana with his parents in March, 1822, his father having previously entered a tract of

land in Rush county at the Government land office at Brookville. For a brief time he was engaged in the mercantile business at the little village of Fayetteville (now Orange), but finding that his talents were in other directions, he removed to Connersville to study medicine under the preceptorship of Dr. Philip Mason, one of Indiana's best known early physicians. It was while living at that place that he came under the influence of Hon. Caleb B. Smith, afterward secretary of the Interior under President Lincoln, and was induced to abandon the study of medicine and read law. A partnership was formed under the title of Smith & Cox and Mr. Cox moved to Rushville to establish an office for the firm in the growing county of Rush. This partnership continued until Smith was elected to the United States Senate, when a new combination was formed with P. A. Hackleman. Mr. Cox, in common with the lawyers of the day, took an active interest in politics and was an ardent Whig. He was the representative in the state legislature from Rush county in 1844. As a lawyer, he was said by Doctor Arnold in his "Sketches" to have been "sound and practical" and to have devoted his time to the practice of probate law in which line his special talents could be best used to an advantage. Mr. Cox was highly educated for his day and generation and was interested in literary pursuits. For this reason he was made librarian of the first public library in Rushville and the old records of the association disclose the fact that the very best in literature was offered to the citizens of the community. Reared at Rushville, Robert W. Cox received has early schooling there and was one of the three members of the first graduating class of the Rushville high school. He supplemented this schooling by a course in the pharmacy school of the university of Michigan at Ann Arbor and thus equipped for the practice of pharmacy returned to Rushville and formed a partnership with his choice companion and chum, Finley B. Pugh, and became engaged in the drug business. This partnership continued for some years, at the end of which time Mr. Cox bought Mr. Pugh's interest in the store and was thereafter, until his retirement in 1898, engaged in business alone. Following his retirement from business Mr. Cox gave his chief attention to the work of Freemasonry, to which he long had been devotedly attached, and in that connection rendered a very real service in behalf of the Masonic bodies with which he was connected, these including not only the blue lodge, the chapter, the council and the commandery at Rushville, but the Grand Lodge of the state of Indiana. Mr. Cox did much to promote the cause of Freemasonry throughout this section of the state and his memory is cherished in Masonic circles in Indiana. He died on April 6, 1907, and his widow is still living at Rushville. On June 27, 1877, Robert W. Cox was united in marriage to Ally M. Poe, who was born in Mason county, Kentucky, daughter of Thomas and Martha (McNeel) Poe, and to that union were born three children, two sons and a daughter, namely: Ralph S. Cox, now a resident of Barthsville, Okla., which city he is serving as commissioner of finance; Miles S. Cox, treasurer of the Peoples Loan and Trust

Company, of Rushville, and Mrs. Marjorie Gottman, of Rushville. Miles S. Cox, like his father before him, is an active member of the local Masonic bodies, in the affairs of which he takes a warm interest, and is also affiliated with the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Indianapolis. He has for several terms served as treasurer of the grand lodge of the Improved Order of Red Men in the state of Indiana. Mr. Cox was graduated from the Rushville high school in 1905 and later attended DePauw University at Greencastle. He became connected with the Peoples National Bank in 1907 and this connection existed until 1915 at which time he was elected treasurer of the Peoples Loan and Trust Company.

W. RILEY COLTER, a representative citizen of Richland township and owner of a splendid farm there, was born in Franklin county, Indiana, on the 11th day of May, 1878, and he is the son of Joseph and Sarah A. (George) Colter, the former also a native of Franklin county and the latter of Preble county, Ohio. Joseph Colter grew to manhood in his native county, was married there, and engaged in farming there until 1885, when he came to Rush county and bought a farm two miles east of Richland, to the operation of which he devoted his energies up to within a short time of his death, when he moved to Milroy, where he spent his last days. He was the owner of 160 acres of land and occupied a prominent place in the community, having served one term as trustee of Richland township. To him and his wife were born two children, W. Riley and Harry. The subject of this sketch was reared under the parental roof and secured a good, practical education in the common schools of Richland township. On leaving school he turned his attention to farming, first in association with his father, and later with his brother Harry for several years. He then engaged in farming independently on eighty acres of land which he had bought and which he has since increased to 235 acres. Mr. Colter has made many permanent and substantial improvements on the place. He carries on general farming operations and also gives some attention to live stock, feeding from 400 to 600 head of hogs annually and from twenty-five to fifty head of cattle. Mr. Colter was married to Anna Lenora Richey, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Richey, and they have one child, Charles Edwin. Mrs. Colter is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Milroy. Mr. Colter is a Republican and takes a keen interest in public affairs, especially as pertaining to his home county, and his support can always be counted upon in behalf of all movements for the general welfare.

GEORGE SMITH, a well-known farmer of Noble township, who is specializing on breeding thoroughbred Big Type Spotted Poland China hogs, was born on his present farm, June 23, 1883, son of John and Amelia (Stoten) Smith, both of whom were born in this county John Smith was reared in Rush county, where he was educated, and where he began farming on the farm now owned by his son, which had formerly belonged to his own father, grandfather of George Smith. John Smith died in 1904, having survived his wife by four

years. They had five children, but George Smith is the only survivor of the family. George Smith was educated in Union township and when he left school he returned to the homestead and began farming with his father, with whom he remained, and when he died, he inherited one-third of the 120-acre farm and later bought the remainder. Here he is carrying on general farming and stockraising and feeds out about 100 head of hogs annually. On October 22, 1905, George Smith married Alta Morris, who was born in Noble township, a daughter of Edgar and Irma Morris, and they have one child, Laurence Maynard. Mr. Smith is a member of Little Flat Rock Christian Church. In politics he is a Republican. Hard-working and energetic Mr. Smith is making a success of his calling. While he has not gone into public affairs, he takes an intelligent interest in local matters, and is recognized as one of the good citizens of Noble township, with which his family has been connected for so many years.

DELBERT W. EAKINS, one of Union township's well-known and progressive young farmers and landowners, proprietor of an excellent farm of just under 300 acres on rural mail route No. 7 out of Rushville, was born in Rush county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in Washington township on November 29, 1881, son of Peter Nelson and Elizabeth Alice (Kirkpatrick) Eakins, the latter of whom also was born in that same township, a member of one of the pioneer families there, and who is now living at Rushville. The late Peter Nelson Eakins was born in Adams county, Ohio, and was sixteen years of age when he came to Indiana and located in Rush county. He worked here as a farm hand in Washington township until his marriage there to Elizabeth Alice Kirkpatrick, after which he began farming on his own account, renting a farm in Union township. A year later he bought a tract of forty acres in Washington township adjoining a "forty" his wife had inherited there and on that place made his home for some years, at the end of which time he sold there and bought a farm of 299 acres in Union township, the place now owned by his son Delbert, and on that place spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring in 1908. Mr. Eakins was a good farmer and an excellent judge of land values and as his affairs prospered he added to his holding until he became the owner of 425 acres, all in Union township, and was accounted one of the substantial men of that community. His widow, who survives him, is now living at Rushville, where she has a pleasant home at 818 North Willow street. Peter Nelson Eakins and wife were the parents of six children, those besides the subject of this sketch being Pearl, Alva, Cora, Ethel and Samuel. Reared on the farm, Delbert W. Eakins was early trained to the ways of farming and has continued to follow that vocation with considerable success. He received his schooling in the local schools of his home neighborhood and continued farming with his father until his marriage when twenty years of age when he rented a portion of his father's lands and began farming on his own account, continuing as a renter until after his father's death when he

and his mother, in the adjustment of the estate, bought the interests of the other heirs in the home tract of 299 acres and he continued farming there in association with his mother's interest for three years, at the end of which time he bought his mother's interest in the place and has continued to make his home there, his mother retiring to the city. Since coming into possession of this place Mr. Eakins has continued to improve it and now has an admirable farm plant, one of the best equipped in the neighborhood. In addition to his general farming he feeds out from 150 to 175 head of hogs annually and is doing well. In his political views Mr. Eakins is an "independent" Democrat. It was in the year 1901 that Delbert W. Eakins was united in marriage to Bertha Arnold, who was born in Illinois, a daughter of John and Alice (Clifford) Arnold, and to this union seven children have been born, Howard, Esther, Walter, Alice, Cora, Russell and Ralph. The Eakins have a very pleasant home and have ever taken a becoming interest in the community's general social activities, taking their part in all movements designed to promote the common good thereabout.

HARRY A. McMILLIN, president of the Farmers' Federation of Union township, proprietor of a fine farm in that township and generally recognized as one of the most progressive and substantial young farmers and stockmen in this section of the state, is a native son of Rush county and has lived here all his life. He was born on a farm in Union township, in the immediate vicinity of the place on which he is now living, August 2, 1884, son of Francis Marion and Olive (Wikoff) McMillin, both of whom were born in that same township, members of pioneer families there, and whose lives were spent here. Francis Marion McMillin was a son of Thomas Morrison and Delilah (Hinchman) McMillin, the latter of whom was a daughter of Joseph Hinchman, one of the real pioneers of Rush county. Thomas Morrison McMillin was a good farmer in his generation and was a man of influence in the community in which for so long his home was established. Francis Marion McMillin was reared on the home farm in Union township and completed his local schooling in the old Spiceland Academy, supplementing this course by a course in commercial training at the Eastman Business College at Poughkeepsie, New York. After his marriage he became engaged in farming on his own account, renting a tract of land suitable to his needs in Union township, and continued farming until his tragic and untimely death in 1894, his death being due to a runaway accident. Francis M. McMillin and wife were the parents of six children, of whom but three survive, the subject of this sketch and his sisters, Clara D., who married Louis C. Lambert, and Frances Marian, who married Claude M. Job. The deceased children were Nellie, Florence and Elmer. Harry A. McMillin was but ten years of age when his father met his tragic end and he was reared thereafter at Rushville, being graduated from the high school there in 1902, before he was eighteen years of age. Upon leaving school he turned his attention to commercial pursuits and

presently became engaged in the abstract, real estate and loan business at Rushville, at the same time taking direction of his grandmother's farming interests, and was thus engaged, making his home at Rushville, until in 1912 when he moved onto the farm on which he is now living in Union township and has since made his home there, devoting his whole attention to farming and live stock. Mr. McMillin has 122 acres but is farming 360 acres, his own farm not being sufficient for the rather extensive scope of his farming and live stock operations. Since taking over this farm he has cleared up more than 200 acres and has developed the place in admirable fashion. He has long given particular attention to the breeding of purebred Poland China hogs and feeds out about 400 head a year. Upon taking over the farm Mr. McMillin entered upon a system of modern improvement and has a strictly up-to-date farm plant, the same including what is regarded as the finest residence in Union township, and he and his family are very pleasantly situated. Mr. McMillin's enterprising and progressive methods have attracted the attention of farmers generally hereabout and his interest in the proper solution of agricultural problems has caused him to take a leading part in the deliberations and activities of the Rush County Farmers' Federation and he is now (1921) serving as president of the Union township unit of this strong and influential organization. Mr. McMillin and his wife are Republicans. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at Rushville. In 1908 Harry A. McMillin was united in marriage to Nellie Kennedy, who also was born in this county, daughter of E. L. and Martha (Freeman) Kennedy, and to this union four children have been born, Frances Mildred, born in 1909; Richard Emmett, 1911; Marjorie Mae, 1917, and William Robert, 1921. The McMillins have a very pleasant home on rural mail route No. 7 out of Rushville and take an interested part in the general social activities of the community in which they reside.

DONALD V. KISER, a well-known and progressive young farmer of Union township, was born in that township on March 14, 1893, son of C. E. and Correna (Newhouse) Kiser, who are still living in that township and further reference to whom is made elsewhere in this volume of biography of the old families of Rush county, together with additional details regarding the Kiser family in Rush county, to which the reader is referred in this connection. Reared on the home farm, Donald V. Kiser received his schooling in the Ging schools, taking the four years of high school, and from the days of his boyhood was well trained in the ways of farming, a vocation to which he has since devoted himself. He married in his twentieth year and following his marriage established his home on the farm on which he is still living and which he now owns. After living there a year as a renter he acquired the ownership of the place and since coming into possession has made numerous substantial improvements to the same. In addition to his general farming Mr. Kiser is giving considerable attention to the raising of live stock, with particular reference to hogs,

making a specialty of the Hampshire breed of swine, and is feeding out about 300 head of hogs annually, having done very well in that line. On January 9, 1913, Donald V. Kiser was united in marriage to Frances E. Carson and to this union one child has been born, a daughter, Ruth. Mr. and Mrs. Kiser have a very pleasant home on rural mail route No. 10 out of Rushville and give their interested and hospitable attention to the general social activities of the community in which they live. Mrs. Kiser is a member of the Plum Creek Christian Church. Mr. Kiser is a member of the Rushville lodge of the Modern Woodmen. Politically, he is a Republican.

CORYDON E. KISER, a well-known and progressive farmer and stockman of Union township, was born in that township and has lived there all his life, the house in which he is now living having been built by his father in 1856. Mr. Kiser's father was a Kentuckian, James Kiser, born in Bourbon county in the old Blue Grass state, where he grew to manhood and where he married Jane Smelser, who also was born in that county. Almost immediately after his marriage James Kiser came with his wife up into Indiana and located in Rush county, settling on a farm in Union township. A few years later he bought the farm now owned by his son, C. E. Kiser, and on that place erected in 1856 the house above referred to and which is still in excellent condition. There his wife died in 1887 and he continued to make his home there, living with his son who in the meantime had married and had established his home there, the rest of his life, his death occurring in his seventy-seventh year. Corydon E. Kiser, son of James and Jane (Smelser) Kiser, was born on June 5, 1864, and grew to manhood on the home farm in Union township, receiving his schooling in the school house in district No. 2. From the days of his boyhood he devoted himself to the work of the farm, a valued assistant to his father in the labors of the same, and after his marriage when twenty-two years of age established his home on the old home place and continued to operate it for his father. Not long after his marriage his mother died, as noted above, and his father continued to make his home with him and his wife until his death when past seventy-seven years of age. Mr. Kiser has about 120 acres under cultivation and is locally noted for the productiveness of his fields. In addition to his general farming he feeds about two car loads of hogs a year and in all his operations is doing well. It was on February 23, 1887, that Corydon E. Kiser was united in marriage to Corena Newhouse, also of Rush county, and to this union five children have been born, namely: Lela, who married Francis Thatcher, and has three children, Ellen, Eugene and Kathleen; Opal, who is living at home; Donald, of whom further mention is made elsewhere in this volume, who married Frances Carson and has one child, Ruth, and Marie and Edith, at home. The Kisers have a very pleasant home on rural mail route No. 7 out of Rushville and take a hospitable part in the community's social activities. Mr. Kiser is a member of the Church of Christ (Scientist). In his political leanings he is a Republican, but

has never been particularly active in political affairs, though ever giving a good citizen's attention to local governmental affairs. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the local lodge of the Modern Woodmen of America.

JASPER N. COON, a Noble township farmer, was born on February 16, 1874, on a farm in Fayette county, Indiana, a son of John and Sarah A. (Moore) Coon, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of Randolph county, Indiana. John Coon was about one year old when brought from Kentucky to Indiana by his father, Solomon Coon, the latter entering fifty acres of land from the Government in Fayette county and spending the rest of his life in the development of a farm. John Coon was reared in Fayette county and carried on general farming throughout his life. He died in 1896 and his widow survived him until 1908. Of their five children, two are now living: Jasper N. and George W. Jasper N. Coon received his education at the Johnson schoolhouse, in Fayette county, and after leaving school took up farming with his father. After his marriage he remained on the home place and continued to do so until about two years after the death of his father, when he fell heir to fifty acres of land, to which he moved. About 1905 he disposed of this property and rented the farm situated across the road from his present home. This continued to be his home until about 1914 or 1915, when he left that 155-acre property for his present farm, a tract of eighty acres, on which he has since carried on operations and which is his by purchase. On February 27, 1896, Mr. Coon was united in marriage to Ida, daughter of Edward Stevens, and to this union there have been born two children, Freda and Russell. Mr. and Mrs. Coon are members of the Christian church at Orange. Mr. Coon is affiliated with the Masonic lodge at Andersonville and the Knights of Pythias at Rushville. He is a Democrat.

MORTON P. GRAY, one of the well-known and progressive farmers and landowners of Union township, was born in that same township, a member of one of the pioneer families there, and has lived there all his life. The Grays are an old family in Rush county, as is noted elsewhere in this volume of biography, and are widely represented here in the present generation. Morton P. Gray was born on August 11, 1863, son of George and Mary (Hinchman) Gray, both of whom were members of the Virginia colony of settlers who came in here in the early days of the settlement of this section and formed so stable a part of the pioneer development hereabout, both the Grays and the Hinchmans having had a good share in that development. George Gray was but a child when he came here with his parents from Virginia, the family having come from Monroe county in what since the Civil war period has been West Virginia, and he grew up on a pioneer farm in Union township. After his marriage to Mary Hinchman, who also had come from Monroe county in the Old Dominion with her parents when but a child, he began farming on his own account, his father giving him a tract of ninety-six acres, and in time

got around him an excellent piece of property, having been the owner of 520 acres of land in Union township. In addition to his general farming, which was carried on on a large scale for that period, he was widely known as one of the most extensive cattle feeders in this section, and he continued actively interested in agricultural affairs until his death in 1888. George Gray and wife were the parents of twelve children, nine of whom grew to maturity, those besides the subject of this sketch being James, Rebecca, Mary, John, Susan, George, Minnie and Margaret. Morton P. Gray was reared on the old home farm in Union township and received his schooling in the nearby Blacklidge school. As a lad he became interested in farm work and in the raising of live stock and upon reaching manhood's estate continued farming with his father on the home place, where after his marriage at the age of twenty-three years he made his home. After his father's death about two years later he came by inheritance into possession of his portion of the home place and continued farming there, at the same time renting additional land in order to increase the scope of his operations and as his affairs prospered added by purchase to his holdings until he became the owner of 375 acres, of which he since has sold 120 acres, his present holdings including 255 acres. Included in the improvements which Mr. Gray has made on the place is a modern dwelling house which he erected in 1915. The other buildings are in keeping with the same, the farm plant being up-to-date and effective in its arrangement. Of late Mr. Gray has given over the active operation of the farm and is living practically "retired," renting his fields and taking things a bit easier than during the more strenuous years of his activities. In 1886 Morton P. Gray was united in marriage to Comma Guffin, daughter of George W. and Della (Bagley) Guffin. Mr. and Mrs. Gray are members of the Ben Davis Christian Church and have long taken an interested part in the work of the church as well as in the general good works of the community. Mr. Gray is a Republican and takes a proper interest in political affairs. He and his wife have a very pleasant home on rural mail route No. 2 out of Rushville and their friends are always sure of a hospitable welcome there. They have an adopted daughter, Lucile, adopted at the age of five years, who was graduated from the Rushville high school and from the Indiana State University at Bloomington and married John H. Frazee, Jr.

CHARLES F. CUSTER, one of the well-known farmers and landowners of Union township, has lived on the farm on which he is now living, rural mail route No. 7 out of Rushville, for more than twenty years and has surrounded himself with many of the comforts of life, giving himself a pleasant prospect of the approaching "evening time" of his life. He was born in the neighboring county of Fayette on August 9, 1856, and has been a resident of Indiana all his life. His parents, Joseph and Mary (Foster) Custer, the former of whom was born in Kentucky and the latter in Illinois, spent their last days in Rush county, having come over here many years ago from Fayette

and located on a farm in the Raleigh neighborhood in Washington township. Joseph Custer was but a boy when he came into Indiana with his parents from Kentucky and he grew up in Fayette county where the family had located upon coming here. He became a farmer and after his marriage in Fayette county established his home there, but some years later disposed of his interests there and moved with his family over into Rush county. For a time after coming here he rented a place in the Raleigh neighborhood but presently bought a farm of eighty acres there and on that place spent the remainder of his life. He and his wife had five children, of whom four are still living, those besides the subject of this sketch being James, Josephine and Belle. Charles F. Custer was but a lad when his parents moved into Rush county and he completed his schooling in the schools of this county, growing to manhood on the home farm in the vicinity of Raleigh. He continued farming with his father until his marriage and then he began on his own account, making his home on a rented farm in Washington township until in 1900 when he bought the farm on which he is now living and has since made his home there. Mr. Custer has a well kept farm of eighty acres and in addition to his general farming feeds out about sixty head of hogs a year. On February 27, 1900, Charles F. Custer was united in marriage to Theresa Schonert, a daughter of Theodore Schonert, and to that union five children were born, namely: Mary, who married John Johnson and has two children, Catherine and Helen; Theodore, Bertha, Thomas and Joseph. Mrs. Custer died in 1910. Mr. Custer is a Republican. He is a member of the Presbyterian church at Rushville and is a past noble grand of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Falmouth, in the affairs of which organization he has long taken a warm interest.

JACOB D. AUSTEN, one of the best known farmers of Union township, was born in the neighboring county of Fayette on January 27, 1858, son of William C. and Sarah (Daubenspeck) Austen, the latter of whom was born in this county in 1831, a member of one of the pioneer families of Rush county, and is still living. William C. Austin was born in the city of Baltimore, Maryland, in 1825, a son of Edward Austen, a Baltimore merchant, who disposed of his interests in that city about 1831 and came with his family to Indiana, locating in Fayette county. William C. Austen was but six years of age when he came with his parents to Indiana and he grew to manhood in Fayette county, where after his marriage he became engaged in farming and remained until 1860 when he came over into Rush county and bought a farm. Four years later he bought a tract of 112 acres in Union township, including the place on which his son Jacob is now living, and there established his home, later increasing his holdings to 160 acres. On that place William C. Austen spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring in 1889. As noted above, his widow is still living, now ninety years of age. They had six children, five of whom are still living, those besides the subject of this sketch

being Edward, Mary, George I. and Florence. Jacob D. Austen was about two years of age when he came with his parents from Fayette county to Rush county and he completed his schooling in the latter county, growing up in Union township, where he early learned the carpenter's trade. After his marriage in 1885 he located in Kansas where for about four years he was engaged in carpentering, but not satisfied with conditions there he returned to Rush county and resumed his place on the old home farm, where he ever since has resided and eighty acres of which original tract he is now the owner. Since becoming the owner of this farm Mr. Austen has made numerous substantial improvements on the place and has a well equipped farm plant, on rural mail route No. 7 out of Rushville. On June 24, 1885, Jacob D. Austen was united in marriage to Mary J. George, who was born in this county, and to this union one child was born, a daughter, Avice George, who married Jesse C. Brooks and has one child, a daughter, Frances Austen. Mr. and Mrs. Austen are members of the Ben Davis Christian Church and Mr. Austen has served the church as an elder, a deacon, a member of the board of trustees and treasurer. Politically, he is "independent." Mrs. Austen was born on a farm in Noble township, this county, daughter of David W. and Nancy Ann (Patterson) George, both of whom were born in Butler county, Ohio, where they were married. David W. George was a son of Joshua and Catherine (Thompson) George, the former of whom also was born in Butler county, Ohio, and the latter in Henry county, Indiana. Joshua George was a son of Reuben George, who was born at Fortress Monroe and who became one of the pioneers of Butler county. Not long after their marriage David W. George and his wife came from Ohio over into Indiana and located in this county, making their home in Noble township for some years, at the end of which time they disposed of their interests here and moved West. They were the parents of seven children, of whom three are still living, Mrs. Austen having a brother, Ralph F. George, and a sister, Ella.

A. BURL HINCHMAN, a progressive young farmer of Union township, is a member of the pioneer Hinchman family of this section, further mention of which is made elsewhere in this volume. He was born on a farm in the neighboring county of Fayette on December 27, 1893, and is a son of Ulysses G. and Eva (Huston) Hinchman, the latter of whom was born in Orange, Ind., and both of whom are still living in Fayette county. Ulysses G. Hinchman was born in Rush county, a son of Allan and Nancy (Moffett) Hinchman, the former born in Rush county and the latter in Fayette, both members of pioneer families hereabout, Allan Hinchman having been born on February 3, 1836, son of John and Margaret (Nickell) Hinchman. U. G. Hinchman was reared in Rush county but after his marriage made his home in Fayette county, where he devoted himself to farming and live stock raising and where he is the owner of an excellent farm of 320 acres. He and his wife have three children, the subject of this sketch having a brother, Clarence P. Hinchman, and a sister,

Mary, wife of Howard Kehl. Clarence P. Hinchman married Nellie Shortridge and has two children. A. Burl Hinchman was reared on the home farm in Fayette county and was graduated from the high school at Connersville in 1912. He then entered Purdue University and after a two years' course in the agricultural college there returned to farm work with a view to applying practically the knowledge thus gained. He rented the farm on which he is now living and after his marriage established his home there and has since resided there, he and his family being very comfortably situated. Mr. Hinchman is farming 160 acres and in his live stock operations makes a specialty of purebred Duroc hogs. He has a well equipped farm plant and his operations are carried on along up-to-date lines. It was in 1916 that A. Burl Hinchman was united in marriage to Vera Poppoon, daughter of John and Florence Poppoon, and to this union two children have been born, Mary Louise and Maxine. Mr. and Mrs. Hinchman have a pleasant home on rural mail route No. 1 out of Glenwood and are hospitable and interested in the general social activities of their home neighborhood. They are members of the Fairview Christian Church and Mr. Hinchman is a York Rite Mason, affiliated with the blue lodge at Fairview and with Rushville commandery of the Knights Templar. He is a Republican, as is his wife.

SAMUEL BEAVER, owner of a farm of sixty-eight acres in Noble township, was born in that township on February 7, 1870, a son of Thomas and Mollie (McKee) Beaver, who have been lifelong residents of this part of Indiana. Samuel Beaver received his education at the Pinhook schoolhouse in Noble township, after leaving which he began to work for his father on the home place. At the age of twenty-two years he formed a partnership with his father and his brother Bert, an association which was maintained until 1918, in which year Samuel Beaver moved to his present farm. Mr. Beaver married Mabel, daughter of Simon Cassady, and to this union there has been born one son, Harold, who is attending Wabash College. Harold Beaver is a veteran of the World war, having been attached to the Engineers Corps with which he served two years and one month, of which eleven months' service was overseas. Mr. and Mrs. Beaver and their son are members of the Little Flat Rock Christian Church. He is a member of the lodges of the Improved Order of Red Men and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at Rushville and as a voter supports the candidates of the Republican party.

GEORGE W. GRAY, one of the substantial farmers and stockmen of Union township, proprietor of an excellent farm on rural mail route No. 2 out of Rushville, was born in that township on April 2, 1860, and has been a resident of this county all his life. He is a son of George and Mary (Hinchman) Gray, of whom further mention is made elsewhere in this volume together with additional details regarding the pioneer Gray and Hinchman families in this county. George Gray was a well-to-do farmer of Union township, the owner of 575 acres of land and for years regarded as one of the leading citizens

of that community. He and his wife were the parents of twelve children, of whom five are now living, those besides the subject of this sketch being John, Morton, Minnie and Margaret. Reared on the home farm in Union township, George W. Gray received his schooling in the neighborhood schools and remained on the home farm assisting his father until his marriage when he started farming on his own account, renting a farm of 160 acres from his father. In 1913 he moved on to the place on which he is now living and has a fine home and a well improved place of about 320 acres, a portion of which he inherited in the distribution of his father's estate. On August 16, 1882, George W. Gray was united in marriage to Ida M. Mauzy, who also was born in Union township, and to this union have been born three children, Mary, wife of Walter S. Wadell, Clarence and Ora, the latter of whom received a commission as second lieutenant during the period of his service in the army in connection with the participation of the United States in the World war. Mr. and Mrs. Gray are members of the Ben Davis Christian Church and the family are Republicans. Mrs. Gray is a daughter of Thomas J. and Ruth A. (Smith) Mauzy, both of whom also were born in Rush county, the former in Union township and the latter in Noble township, members of pioneer families here. Thomas J. Mauzy, who died at the age of thirty-four years, was for some years prior to his death engaged in the shoe business at Rushville. He was a son of Silas Mauzy, a Kentuckian, who was one of the pioneers of Rush county and further mention of whom is made elsewhere in this volume. Thomas J. Mauzy and wife were the parents of three children, those besides Mrs. Gray being Wilfred and Homer.

JAMES M. SMITH, one of the veteran farmers and landowners of Union township, was born in Rush county, a member of one of the old families here, and has lived in this county all his life. He was born on a farm in Noble township on March 7, 1849, son of George and Mary (Gray) Smith, both of whom also were born in this county, members of pioneer families here, and who spent all their days here. George Smith was a son of Lewis E. Smith and wife, pioneers of Noble township, and he grew to manhood in that township. After his marriage he started farming on his own account, buying a farm of sixty acres in Noble township, and remained there until in the early '50s when he moved to Union township, where he remained until his retirement from the farm and removal to Rushville, where his last days were spent. George Smith was a successful farmer and became a quite extensive landowner, having at one time 360 acres of land in Union and Noble townships. He and his wife were the parents of eight children, four of whom are still living, the subject of this sketch having two sisters, Margaret and Mary, and a brother, William Smith. James M. Smith was reared in Noble township and received his schooling in the neighborhood schools. He continued farming with his father until his marriage at the age of twenty-five, after which he bought a "sixty" in Union township, the place on which he is now

living, and has since resided there. Mr. Smith has been a successful farmer and stockman and as his affairs prospered he gradually added to his land holdings until he became the owner of 520 acres, but he has sold all this but his present well-kept farm of 160 acres, he and his family being quite comfortably fixed there. In addition to his general farming Mr. Smith has been accustomed to feed out a couple of car loads of hogs a year. Mr. Smith's wife, who before her marriage was Rebecca Daubenspeck, also was born in Rush county, daughter of Harvey and Margaret (Hinchman) Daubenspeck, members of pioneer families here. To James M. and Rebecca (Daubenspeck) Smith three children have been born, namely: Ora, who married Henrietta Disselkuhn and has had four children, Wayne (deceased), Florence, Ralph and James Marshall; Lillie, who died at the age of sixteen years, and Verne, who married Helen Rea and has two children, Lillie and James Rea, who died December 22, 1920. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are members of the Plum Creek Christian Church. In their political affiliations they are Republicans. They reside on rural mail route No. 1 out of Falmouth.

HOMER M. NASH, former trustee of Union township and one of the substantial landowners and progressive farmers of that township, was born over the line in the neighboring county of Fayette, but has been a resident of Rush county since the days of his young manhood. He was born on August 10, 1873, son of Oliver L. and Jessie (Hall) Nash, both of whom also were born in Fayette county, the latter in the immediate vicinity of the city of Connersville. Oliver L. Nash had a farm just east of Glenwood, the same lying in Fayette county, but years ago he sold that place and moved over into Rush county, buying the farm on which his son Homer is now living in Union township, and there he remained until his retirement from the active labors of the farm and removal to Rushville, where he spent his last days, his death occurring on August 24, 1909. Oliver L. Nash was an active political partisan and was for years earnestly interested in the general public service. Under the Hanly administration he was appointed a member of the board of trustees or directors of the state hospital for epileptics at Newcastle and so effective were his labors in that connection that when, some time after his death, an extension was being made to that institution one of the notable buildings in the new section was given the name of the Nash building in his memory. Reared on the home farm in Fayette county, where his boyhood was spent, Homer M. Nash received his schooling in the Glenwood schools and early learned the art of telegraphy and for a year after becoming thus qualified was engaged as railroad telegrapher at the Glenwood station. His father meanwhile having moved to his farm in Union township he left the railroad office and resumed his place on the farm and continued farming with his father, giving his attention to the development of the place, until his marriage in 1904. A year later he established his home on the farm, his father retiring to Rushville, and is now the owner of the place, an excellent farm of 165 acres, on

which he is engaged in general farming and stock raising, feeding out about 200 head of hogs and a car load of cattle annually. From the days of his boyhood Mr. Nash has taken an active interest in political affairs and has long been regarded as one of the leaders of his party in the county. In 1914 he was elected trustee of Union township and in the campaign of 1920 was his party's nominee for the office of county auditor, but the fortunes of the campaign were against him and he was forced to bow to defeat. In 1904 Homer M. Nash was united in marriage to Myrtella Hinchman, who was born in Rush county, daughter of Sanford and Clara (Stevens) Hinchman, members of old families in this county, and to this union one child has been born, a daughter, Noami C. J. Nash, who is now (1921) a student in the schools at Ging. Mr. and Mrs. Nash have a very pleasant home on rural mail route No. 7 out of Rushville and have ever taken a hospitable interest in the community's general social activities. Mrs. Nash is a member of the Christian church. Mr. Nash is a York Rite Mason, a member of the blue lodge at Raleigh and of the Rushville commandery, Knights Templar, and takes a warm interest in Masonic affairs.

CHARLES F. WILSON, member of the firm of Pitman & Wilson, druggists, at Rushville, prior to establishing himself in business at Rushville, in 1917, had ten years of valuable experience in the drug line at Chicago and since forming his present connection with Mr. Pitman his career has been one of consistent advancement Mr. Wilson is a native of Rushville, born on July 9, 1885, a son of William W. and Ora (Frazee) Wilson. His grandfather, James Wilson, was a noted horseman of Rush county in his day and the owner of the famous old "Blue Bull," sire of a long line of fast horses. William W. Wilson was born in Noble township, this county, and early took up farming, becoming the owner of an eighty-acre farm in Rushville township. Like his father, he was a great lover of horses and won something more than a local reputation as a breeder and trainer of fast trotting animals. He and his wife were the parents of two children, Marian and Charles F. Miss Marian Wilson was educated in the schools of Rushville and at Hamilton College, Lexington, Kentucky, in which latter institution she is now a teacher in the primary department. After completing his studies in the high school at Rushville, Charles F. Wilson pursued a course in chemistry and pharmacy at Northwestern University, Chicago, from which institution he was graduated in 1907. At that time he entered the drug business at Chicago, and continued as a resident of that city for ten years, forming there a number of profitable business connections. Mr. Wilson traveled extensively abroad making pharmaceutical and commercial observations and spent a year in New York City in some special work along these lines. In 1917 he returned to his native city, where he has since been associated with Mr. Pitman in the drug business at Third and Main streets, where the firm maintains a thoroughly modern establishment. On June 24, 1915, Mr. Wilson was united in mar-

riage to Eva S. Wilson, who was born at Hammond, Ind. She was graduated from the high school there and then took special work at Valparaiso (Ind.) University, the Ypsilanti (Mich) University and the Academy of Fine Arts, Chicago, and taught primary arts in the Hammond schools for three years. Mrs. Wilson is a daughter of Charles J. and Anna (Groman) Wilson, the former of whom is employed by the Standard Steel Car Company at Hammond. Mrs. Wilson has one brother, Chauncey Wilson. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Wilson: Donald F., born on November 15, 1916, and Marjorie Anne, April 13, 1919. Mr. Wilson is a member of Phoenix lodge, No. 62, Free and Accepted Masons; and St. Cecelia Chapter, No. 220, Royal Arch Masons, Chicago, and of the American Pharmaceutical Association. He was one of the organizers and a charter member of the Rushville Rotary Club, organized in January, 1920, and is a Republican. He is a member of the Presbyterian church.

J. ARTHUR LOONEY, farmer and landowner of Union township, was born on the place on which he is now living, a member of one of the pioneer families of that community, and has lived there all his life. He was born on September 7, 1870, son of John W. and Mary F. (Hammonds) Looney, the latter of whom was born in Kentucky and had come here with her parents in the days of her girlhood. John W. Looney also was born in Union township, the son of John Looney, a Kentuckian, who was one of the pioneers of the Farmington neighborhood. John Looney came up here from Kentucky as a young man and worked as a farm hand until he had acquired a sufficient sum to buy a tract of land in Union township. He married Matilda Bracken and established his home on that place, spending the rest of his life there. His son, John W. Looney, was reared on that farm and followed farming all his life, becoming the owner of a tract of 106 acres, the place now owned by his son, the subject of this sketch. John W. Looney was one of the leading members of the Ben Davis Christian Church. He also took an active part in local public affairs and had for some time served as trustee of Union township. He and his wife were the parents of five children, those besides the subject of this sketch being Isolina, Alfred, Matilda and Amanda. Reared on the home farm in Union township, J. Arthur Looney received his schooling in the neighboring schools and until his marriage continued farming in association with his father. After his marriage he rented the place from his father and upon the latter's death bought from the other heirs their respective interests and has since owned the farm, continuing to make his home there. Since coming into possession of the farm Mr. Looney has made numerous notable improvements on the same, including a new and modern dwelling house, and now has a well equipped farm plant. In addition to his general farming he feeds out about 200 head of hogs a year and is doing well. J. Arthur Looney has been married twice. In 1893 he was united in marriage to Laura Winchell, who died in

1902, leaving one child, a son, John Looney. In 1904 Mr. Looney married Mary C. Geise, who also was born in this county, daughter of Henry and Frances Geise. Mr. and Mrs. Looney have an adopted daughter, Enid. They are members of the Ben Davis Christian Church and Mr. Looney is a member of the board of trustees of the church. Politically, he is a Republican.

GEORGE F. BILLINGS, a well-known and substantial farmer and landowner of Union township, was born in that township and has lived there all his life. He was born on June 29, 1887, son and only child of Elijah A. and Adaline (Kirkpatrick) Billings, both of whom also were born in this county and who are now living retired at Rushville. E. A. Billings was born on a farm in Jackson township, this county, son of Philip H. Billings and wife, who had come here from Delaware, but who presently moved to the northern part of the state, where E. A. Billings received his schooling and grew to manhood. As a young man E. A. Billings returned to Rush county and here married Adaline Kirkpatrick. He established his home on a forty-acre farm in Union township and as his farming operations prospered increased that farm by the purchase of adjacent land until he became the owner of a fine place of 140 acres, and this he continued to farm until his retirement in 1918 and removal to Rushville, where he and his wife are now living. Reared on the home farm in Union township, George F. Billings received his schooling in the neighborhood schools and was early trained in the ways of farming, a vocation he since has followed. He remained at home until his marriage and then rented a farm of 105 acres in Union township. A year later he rented a farm of 160 acres and lived there for one year, at the end of which time he enlarged his interests by renting a farm of 365 acres and on this latter place made his home for three years, by which time he was in a position to take on a farm of his own and he bought the place of 207 acres on which he is now living in Union township and has since resided there. Since taking possession of this place Mr. Billings has made numerous substantial improvements on the same, including a new residence, a new tenant's house, a new barn, other buildings and a better equipment of fences and now has one of the best equipped farm plants in that part of the county. In addition to his general farming Mr. Billings gives considerable attention to the raising of live stock and is doing well in his operations. In 1908 George F. Billings was united in marriage to Lena B. Smith, of Union township, and to this union four children have been born, Ruth, Mildred, Jean and Harriet. Mr. and Mrs. Billings have a pleasant home on rural mail route No. 7 out of Rushville and take an interested part in the community's general social activities.

LAFAYETTE JOHNSON, a substantial farmer and landowner of Union township, has been a resident of Rush county all his life. He is a son of Casper and Katherine Johnson, who came here from Brown county, this state, in pioneer days and entered a quarter of a section of land in Walker township. Casper Johnson cleared the tract,

which is still known as the old Johnson place, established a good home there and on that pioneer farm he and his wife spent their last days. They were the parents of eleven children, of whom five are living, those besides the subject of this sketch being Mrs. Katherine Sells, Mrs. Harriet Bekiser, Flemming Johnson and John B. Johnson. The deceased were Benjamin Johnson, Mrs. Sarah Atwater, Mrs. Elizabeth Branham, Mrs. Mary Moss, Thomas Johnson and Mrs. Belle Ellison. Reared on that pioneer farm, Lafayette Johnson received his schooling in the local schools and as a young man remained at home assisting in the labors of the farm and continued thus engaged until his marriage in 1877 when he rented a farm of 120 acres and began operations on his own account. A year later he rented a farm of 170 acres in Walker township and there made his home until 1890 when he bought the farm of a fraction more than 155 acres on which he now lives in Union township and has ever since made his home there, he and his family being very comfortably situated. Mr. Johnson has a well improved place and the operations of his farm are carried on in up-to-date fashion. In addition to his general farming he has always given considerable attention to the raising of live stock and has done well, having developed an excellent piece of property. Lafayette Johnson has been twice married. In 1877 he was united in marriage to Amanda A. Bebout, who also was born in Rush county, a member of one of the pioneer families here, and to that union were born six children, Casper, Edward, Mrs. Mary F. Fletcher, of Shelby county, Mrs. Nellie Miller, Mrs. Hazel Whiden and Belle (deceased). The mother of these children died in 1890 and in 1897 Mr. Johnson married Mrs. Emma E. (Mull) Miller, of Walker township. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are members of the Christian Union of Walker township and have ever taken an interested part in the work of the church. They have a pleasant home on rural mail route No. 7 out of Rushville and take a hospitable part in the community's general social activities. Mr. Johnson is a Democrat but has never taken what may be called a particularly active part in politics, although ever maintaining the principles of his party in a county in which more often than not his party is found to be in the minority, thus continuing to display the courage of his convictions in the face of recurring defeat.

JOHN K. STIERS, who owns 200 acres of valuable land in Rushville township, is recognized as one of the representative farmers and substantial citizens of Rush county. He was born in Noble township on May 20, 1872, son of Joseph and Elvira (Hildreth) Stiers, both of whom were born, reared and educated in Rush county. During all of his active years Joseph Stiers was engaged in farming, but is now living retired at Rushville, the owner of 170 acres of land in Rush county. He and his wife had three children: James, Fannie and John K. After he had completed his schooling in the Circleville school and the Rushville Academy, John K. Stiers commenced farming with his father on the homestead, and remained at home until

his marriage. At that time he rented his present farm, but six years later bought it, and since then has improved it considerably. He carries on general farming and stockraising and produces about 200 hogs and ten head of cattle annually. Mr. Stiers was married in September, 1894, to Maude Guffin, daughter of Andrew and Clara (Brooks) Guffin. Mrs. Stiers was born, reared and educated in Noble township. Mr. and Mrs. Stiers have two children, Fannie and Howard. Mr. Stiers is a member of Little Flat Rock Christian Church. He is a Democrat.

GESTON P. HUNT, postmaster at Rushville, was born at Orange, in the neighboring county of Fayette on March 8, 1875, and is a representative of one of the pioneer Indiana families, his grandfather, Abijah W. Hunt, although born in Hamilton county, Ohio, February 8, 1807, having located in Franklin county, Indiana, about the year 1808 with his parents, Jonathan and Jane (Smith) Hunt. In 1852, Abijah W. Hunt came to Rush county, acquired 240 acres of valuable land, and was known as a successful farmer. To him and his wife, Margaret (Stephen) Hunt, seven children were born, of whom Levi S. Hunt, the father of Geston P. Hunt, was the fourth. He was born in Noble township, this county, and received his education in the schools of the county, but after the Civil war, when he had grown to manhood, he moved to Fayette county and engaged in mercantile pursuits in the town of Orange where he met and married Matilda Stone. After forty-two years of an active business career in Orange, during which time he attained a gratifying measure of success, he sold out his business and moved to Rushville, where he lived until his death on April 11, 1909. He and his wife were the parents of three children: Riley, of Indianapolis; Lemoine C., of Cynthiana, Ky., and Geston P., the subject of this sketch, with whom his mother now resides. Geston P. Hunt received his schooling in Fayette county, and after completing the course of study prescribed in the high school entered the business establishment of his father, where he remained until the spring of 1898, when he came to Rushville. When the Spanish-American war broke out Mr. Hunt abandoned his business to enlist in Company H, One Hundred and Sixty-first Indiana Volunteer Infantry. He entered the army as a private, was stationed first at Jacksonville, Fla., then at Savannah, Ga., and later at Havana, Cuba. After a period of service covering eleven months, from June 12, 1898, to April 30, 1899, he was discharged with the rank of top sergeant of his company. After he was mustered out of the service Mr. Hunt returned to Orange, where he remained for two years, returning to Rushville in 1902 to engage in the hardware business, in which he continued until 1913, when, at the time of his appointment to the position of postmaster, he sold out his interests that he might devote his entire time and efforts to conducting the affairs of the postoffice. During his eight years in office, Mr. Hunt has made many improvements, and has done creditably the tasks which have fallen to his office. During the World

war, when the almost overwhelming burden of the War Saving Stamps and Liberty Loan campaigns was assumed by the Post-office Department, the local office made the enviable record of "going over the top" in every instance, and this without additional aid or to the detriment of the usual mail service. What this meant to Mr. Hunt and his assistants can only be conjectured by those not intimate with the enormous amount of detail work allotted to the postal department. Mr. Hunt is prominent in local fraternal circles, being a Scottish Rite and York Rite Mason and a noble of the Mystic Shrine, as well as a member of the Red Men, Knights of Pythias and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of which latter he is a life member. He is a Democrat and member of the Christian church.

HARVEY F. BROWN, a farmer of Rushville township and former agent for the Delco Light in Rush county, was born in Union township, Shelby county, Indiana, September 21, 1873, son of William and Missouri (Hume) Brown, natives of Shelby and Rush counties, respectively. Harvey F. Brown attended the public schools of Orange and Anderson townships, and was also for several terms a student of the normal school at Danville, Ind. After completing his studies, Mr. Brown became a school teacher and taught a school for one term in Anderson township. However, he found that he preferred farming to the confinement of the school room and rented eighty acres of land that he conducted until 1917 when he bought his present farm of seventy acres in Rushville township, and became a general farmer. His wife also owns 157 acres of land in Orange township, this county, but this Mr. Brown rents to a tenant. On February 6, 1895, Mr. Brown was married to Carrie C. Poulus, daughter of Daniel and Huldah (Hungerford) Poulus, natives of Germany and Orange township, respectively. Mr. Poulus was a farmer and stockraiser of Orange township, where he owned 330 acres of land. Mrs. Brown was born in Orange township and attended its schools and then for five years that at Oldenburg, Ind. Mr. and Mrs. Brown have one child, Marie, who was born on May 31, 1896. She attended the common and high schools of Orange township, and then was married to Glen Foster, assistant cashier of the Peoples National Bank of Rushville. Mr. and Mrs. Foster have a son, Charles B. Foster. Mr. Brown belongs to Waldron lodge, No. 217, Free and Accepted Masons; Milroy lodge, Knights of Pythias, and Shelbyville lodge, Fraternal Order of Eagles. He is a member of the Christian church at Moscow and is a Democrat.

ERNEST R. TITSWORTH, trustee of Noble township, has been a lifelong resident of that township, having been born on his present farm on February 22, 1875. His parents were George W. and Rhoda J. (Applegate) Titsworth, the latter also a native of Rush county. George W. Titsworth was born in the state of Ohio, but in childhood was brought by his parents to Fayette county, Indiana, where he grew to manhood and secured his education in the common schools. He was married in Rush county, but for about a year there-

after he continued to live in Fayette county. He then came to Noble township and bought the nucleus of the present farm, comprising ninety-five acres. In the operation of this farm he was successful and eventually increased his estate to 195 acres in one body. Here he carried on general farming and stock raising during the remainder of his active years. To him and his wife were born four children, of whom two are living, John A. and Ernest R. Ernest R. Titsworth attended the common schools of Noble township, completing his studies in the high school at Orange, where he was graduated in 1892. He then applied himself to the work of the home farm, assisting his father until the latter's death, when he took over the homestead farm, buying out the interests of the other heirs, and is thus now the owner of 195 acres of as good land as can be found in this locality. The place is well improved and here Mr. Titsworth is engaged in general farming, raising all the crops common to this section of the country, and is also extensively engaged in stock dealing, buying and selling large numbers annually, and feeds about 300 hogs a year. Mr. Titsworth is also widely known as a thresher, in which he has served the farmers of this locality for years. He is thoroughly up-to-date in his methods and enjoys an enviable reputation as a successful and enterprising farmer. In 1896 Mr. Titsworth was married to Ella McCrory, the daughter of Clayton and Louisa McCrory, the fruits of this union being two children, Marion, who was graduated from Purdue University in 1921, and Marjorie, who is a student at that institution. Mr. and Mrs. Titsworth are members of the Little Flat Rock Christian Church. Mr. Titsworth is a stanch supporter of the Republican party and has taken an intelligent interest in public affairs. He is now serving his second term as trustee of Noble township and is giving very satisfactory service to his constituents.

OTTO PARVIN DILLON, M. D., who died at his home in Rushville on February 9, 1908, after a professional practice there of more than seventeen years, had made many friends in the city, as well as throughout the county, and it is but fitting that in a volume of biographies of the old families of Rush county such as this there should be carried some modest tribute to the memory he left. Doctor Dillon was born in Rush county, the son of a physician, and the grandson of a physician and had lived here all his life. He was born in Center township on April 1, 1869, son of Dr. Jefferson C. and Mary (Florea) Dillon, both of whom also were born in this county, members of pioneer families, the former a son of Dr. J. C. Dillon, who in his day was widely known hereabout as one of the pioneer physicians in this region. Reared in Center township, Otto P. Dillon received his early schooling in the schools of that township and supplemented the same by a course in the Rushville high school, after which he entered Butler College at Indianapolis. Thus equipped by preparatory study he entered the medical college at Cincinnati and upon completing his studies there returned home and became engaged in the practice of the profession to which he had devoted his life, entering practice in asso-

ciation with his father, Dr. Jefferson C. Dillon. This mutually agreeable association was continued for several years or until in 1890, when Dr. Otto P. Dillon moved to Rushville and opened an office for the practice of his profession there, continuing in practice in that city until his death, February 9, 1908, he then being under forty years of age and in the very prime of what gave promise of a long and useful professional career. Doctor Dillon was the third of his line in successive generations to engage in medical practice in Rush county and worthily maintained the honorable traditions of the family and of the profession. Doctor Dillon was twice married, his second wife having been Cora Wright, who survives and is still living at Rushville, where she has a very pleasant home at 312 North Main street. Mrs. Dillon was born in this county, a daughter of Thomas and Mary Elizabeth Wright.

S. L. HUNT, the well-known and progressive hardware merchant of Rushville and sheriff-elect of Rush county, is a member of one of Rush county's old families and has lived in this county all his life. He was born on a farm in Noble township on December 31, 1867, son of George W. and Sarah F. (Holmes) Hunt, the former of whom also was born in this county and the latter at Andersonville, over the line in Franklin county. The Hunts are of an old American family, having had representation in this country since Colonial days. The name Hunt is from the Saxon word "hunti," a wolf. At one time in the history of England this destructive animal so abounded that it was the business of every man to assist in exterminating it. To this end the taxes in some parts were levied in wolves' ears. Hence the word hunting, which at first only meant pursuing wolves. Afterward it came to mean the pursuit of game generally. Probably the Hunts took their name from their prowess in the hunting field. One of the first of the name of whom any record exists was Adam le Hunt, at Nottingham, England, in 1295. The Hunts, as a family, have always been noted for their fine appearance, their type Saxon. The family crest in the early days of the family always was a wolf's head. Colonel Sir William Hunt, fleeing from the disastrous field of Marston Moor, came to America and settled at Weymouth, Mass., concealing his identity under the name of Ephraim Hunt. The dashing Tory cavalry officer cropped his long hair and laid aside his fine dress as well as his title. He presently married Anna Richards, a Colonial heiress, and their three sons were the progenitors of the Hunts in this country, these sons becoming military leaders in those dangerous times of the French and Indian wars in the colonies. Thomas Hunt, a descendant of the cavalier, held a commission under General Washington during the Revolutionary war. Among Hunts who are renowned in various ways, as writers, poets, artists or professional men, Leigh Hunt's name must at once occur to every one. He was not only a poet, but also one of the most delightful of English essayists. William Hunt was declared by Ruskin to have been the finest painter of still life that ever existed. George W. Hunt was the son

of Harrison Hunt, a native of Ohio who came to this county in a very early day, being one of the first settlers in the county, and here the father of our subject grew to manhood. After receiving the education afforded by the public schools of the day and place he took up farming, following this business all his life in Noble and Rushville townships. His agricultural operations were extensive as he always rented from 200 to 300 acres. To him and his wife twelve children were born of whom seven are now living. Claude, Ray, Blaine, S. L., Blanche, Sallie, and Ina. S. L. Hunt was educated in the public schools of Rushville township, upon completing which he engaged in farming in association with his father until he reached the age of twenty-three years. At this time he took up the painting trade, in which he was employed for three years. But he felt the call of the land again, and returned to farming, working as a hand for four years. He then rented land and for fifteen years was engaged thus, at the end of that period having saved enough money to buy a farm of 127 acres in Noble township. When he had spent a year on his own place, he decided that greater opportunities lay before him in mercantile pursuits, and he accordingly sold out and moved to Rushville to take up the hardware business. In April, 1918, he bought the hardware stock of E. E. Polk, and since that time has continued in business for himself. His business requires two floors 30 by 120 feet in a building on Main street between First and Second streets, and here a complete stock of up-to-date hardware and farming equipment is carried. Mr. Hunt was united in marriage to Myrtle A. Humes, a daughter of Thomas J. and Indiana (Lyons) Humes, and to their union three children have been born, Loren, Leland, and Miriam, all now attending school. Mr. Hunt is a member of the United Presbyterion church and is a Republican. He is a Mason and a member of the Improved Order of Red Men and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. In 1920, as the nominee of the Republican party, Mr. Hunt was elected sheriff of Rush county and will enter upon his office upon the expiration of the term of the present incumbent.

EARL W. RUFF, a well-known and substantial farmer and landowner of Union township, now living at Glenwood, has been a resident of this section of Indiana all his life. He was born in the neighboring county of Fayette on May 15, 1872, son of Thomas B. and Adaline (White) Ruff, the latter of whom was born in this county, daughter of Stamper White and wife, members of pioneer families hereabout. Stamper White in his generation was one of the best known men in Rush county, a large landowner in the Glenwood neighborhood and a man of influence in his community, a community in which the Whites have been represented since pioneer days. Thomas B. Ruff was born in Ohio and grew up in that state, being early trained to the trade of carriage maker. As a young man he came over into Indiana and located at Glenwood, where he began working at his trade and not long after coming here was married to Adaline White. He continued to make his home here and in Fayette

county for a number of years and then returned to Ohio and was engaged as superintendent of a carriage factory at Columbus, that state, where he spent his last days. He and his wife were the parents of four children, those besides the subject of this sketch being Blanche, Roy and Margaret. Earl W. Ruff completed his schooling at Glenwood and early became engaged in farming on the big farm of his grandfather, Stamper White, in the neighborhood of that village, and thus remained with his grandfather until he was married, after which he rented a portion of his grandfather's land and farmed as a renter for about ten years, at the end of which time he inherited a portion of the White estate, that portion including the old homestead site, and there continued to reside, actively engaged in farming, until his retirement and removal to Glenwood in 1913. Mr. Ruff is the owner of 275 acres of excellent land in Union township, and though living "retired" continues to give his agricultural interests his pretty active attention. In addition to his general farming he has long given considerable attention to the raising of live stock and has done well in his operations. Mr. Ruff and his wife are members of the Christian church and in their political affiliations are Republicans. Earl W. Ruff was united in marriage to Elsie Shortridge, who was born in the neighboring county of Fayette, and to this union have been born two children, Russell and Edna, the latter of whom is unmarried and at home with her parents. Russell Ruff married Effie Matney and is giving his attention to the affairs of the home farm in Union township. Mrs. Elsie Ruff, as noted above, was born in Fayette county and her parents, Jesse and Indiana (McConnell) Shortridge, also were born in that county, both members of pioneer families in that section. Jesse Shortridge was a farmer and landowner, owner of a farm of eighty acres, and all his life was devoted to farming. He and his wife had two daughters, Mrs. Ruff and her sister, Erma.

CHARLES BEAVER, a well-known farmer of Noble township, is a member of one of Rush county's real pioneer families, the Beavers having been represented here since the days of the beginning of a social order, hereabout, as is set out elsewhere in this work. Mr. Beaver was born in Noble township and has lived in this county all his life with the exception of fourteen years spent in industrial pursuits at Anderson and South Bend, this state. He was born on August 30, 1865, son of James and Harriet (Emmett) Beaver, both of whom also were born in Rush county, members of pioneer families here, and of whom further mention is made elsewhere in this volume, and the latter of whom is still living, a resident of New Salem. Reared in Noble township, Mr. Beaver received his schooling in the schools of that township, having the advantage of the excellent schools of New Salem, and grew up to the ways of the farm, his father having been the owner of a fine farm in the New Salem neighborhood. Leaving the farm in the days of his young manhood, Mr. Beaver went to Anderson, Ind., where and at South Bend he was for fourteen years

engaged in industrial occupations. At the end of that time he returned to Rush county, in the meantime having married, and in 1906 became engaged in farming in Richland township. For six years he was thus engaged in that township and then he tried another location, where for three years he was engaged in farming, at the end of which time he returned to this county and has since then been engaged in farming a part of the old home place in the vicinity of New Salem, renting a tract of eighty acres from his mother, and is doing well in his operations. In 1903 Charles Beaver was united in marriage to Zora McDonald, daughter of Michael McDonald, and to that union were born four children, James, Frances Leona, Bernice and Noal. The mother of these children died on November 19, 1918. Mr. Beaver is a Republican and is a member of the United Brethren church. He is well known in the community in which he has long lived and has ever done his part in the general activities of the neighborhood, helpful in promoting such movements as have had to do with the advancement of the common good.

ROLAND LESLIE HINCHMAN, a well-known young farmer of Union township, now living at Glenwood, where he has made his home for some years past, was born on a farm in Union township on March 30, 1887, son of Sanford and Clara (Stevens) Hinchman, the latter of whom was born in the neighboring county of Franklin and the former in Rush county, a member of one of the pioneer families of this county, further and repeated reference to the Hinchman family being found elsewhere in this volume. Reared on the home farm in Union township, Roland Leslie Hinchman received his schooling in the Glenwood schools and as a young man remained on the home farm, a valued assistant in the labors of developing the same, and after his marriage at the age of twenty-two continued there, farming the place and making his home there until in 1917 when he moved to Glenwood, where he and his family are now living and where they are very comfortably situated. It was on October 20, 1909, that Roland Leslie Hinchman was united in marriage to Clara Gray, also a member of one of the old families of Rush county, and to this union have been born two children, Orval (deceased) and Lowell Walter Hinchman. Mr. and Mrs. Hinchman are Republicans and are members of the Ben Davis Christian Church. They have a pleasant home at Glenwood and have ever taken an interested and helpful part in the community's general social activities. Mrs. Hinchman was born in the neighboring county of Fayette but her parents, William H. and Carrie B. (Hinchman) Gray, of whom further mention is made elsewhere in this volume, both were born in Rush county, members of pioneer families here, and are now living at Glenwood.

EDWARD KESSLER, an enterprising general farmer of Walker township, this county, was born on his father's farm in that township, April 16, 1885. He is a son of Frederick and Elizabeth (Hertzel) Kessler, and a grandson of Frederick and Barbara (Nicholas) Kessler. His parents were born in Germany, from which country his

father came to the United States when twenty years of age. Edward Kessler completed his schooling in district No. 3, Walker township, and afterward assisted his father on the home farm until his marriage, following which he continued to farm on rented land still owned by his father, who is one of the substantial men of Walker township. Mr. Kessler is a capable farmer and gives attention to stockraising, feeding 125 head of hogs yearly. On December 11, 1911, he married Nora C. Theabald, who was born in Shelby county, Indiana, daughter of August and Mary (Mook) Theabald, natives of Shelby county and farming people in Shelby and Decatur counties. Mr. and Mrs. Theabald had a family of nine children and of these the following are still living: Walter, Nora C., Nettie, Herman, Harry and Elsie. Mr. and Mrs. Kessler have one child, Raymond, who is attending school. They are members of the Christian church at Manilla. Mr. Kessler is a Republican.

EARL B. WINSHIP is one of the extensive farmers and stockraisers of Rushville township, he and his brother Charles operating the large Winship homestead, which is one of the most valuable farms in Rush county. Earl B. Winship was born in Rushville township, January 14, 1882, son of Albert and Mary E. (Moore) Winship, and was educated in the schools of his native township. After he completed his school days he took a trip through some of the Western states, which consumed two years. Upon his return to Rush county he began farming in partnership with his father on the homestead of 630 acres, and this farm is now operated by the two brothers. They are general farmers and stockraisers, and feed out about 1,500 head of hogs annually. On February 22, 1903, Earl B. Winship was married to Jessie R. Finley, daughter of John C. and Mary E. (Perkins) Finley, who was born in Hancock county, Indiana, where her father was at one time a farmer, but he is now a rural free delivery mailman. Mr. and Mrs. Finley had ten children: John, Francis, May, Joseph, Golda, Pearl, Ralph, Leslie, Bay and Jessie R., all of whom are living. Mr. and Mrs. Winship have one child, Mary Elizabeth, born on October 24, 1909, who is attending the Webb school in Rushville township. Mr. Winship belongs to Rushville lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Murat Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine at Indianapolis, and to the Knights of Pythias, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Loyal Order of Moose. His religious home is in the Methodist Episcopal church of Rushville, with which he has been connected for years. He is a Republican and takes an intelligent interest in local affairs, although not an office seeker.

JOSEPH STIERS, retired farmer, has resided during the greater part of his life at Rushville, but for many years actively superintended the operation of his large farms in Rush county, two of which he still owns. Joseph Stiers was born in Noble township, this county, September 15, 1835. His parents were Benjamin and Barbara (Jones) Stiers, both of whom were born in Clermont county,

Ohio, from which section they drove overland to Indiana, settling as pioneers on wild land in Noble township, Rush county. Of their nine children there are four survivors: John M., of Rushville; Benjamin F., of Marion, Ind.; Joseph and Polly Ann. Joseph Stiers attended the country schools near his father's farm in boyhood and remained at home as a farmer until twenty years of age, when he rented land and engaged in farming for himself for about twelve years. He then bought a farm of forty acres situated in Noble township, which he later sold to advantage, then bought eighty acres in Rushville township and subsequently another eighty-acre farm, located in Noble township. Although he never resided on these farms, he has given a great deal of attention to their development and they are considered valuable properties. In March, 1861, Mr. Stiers married Sarah E. Hildreth, who also was born in Rush county, daughter of James and Rebecca (Canada) Hildreth. Mrs. Stiers passed away on February 23, 1916, and was buried in East Hill cemetery. They had three children, James H., John K. and Fannie R. James H. Stiers is a farmer in Noble township. His first marriage was to Alice Frazee, who died within a few years, after which he married Mary E. Buell. John K. Stiers is a farmer in Rushville township. He married Maud Guffin and they have two children, Fannie and Howard, the latter of whom is in business at Phoenix, Ariz. Fannie R. Stiers married Ora Logan, a farmer in Noble township, and they have two children: Nellie and Carl. Nellie Logan married Edsie Hilligoss, a farmer in Rushville township, and they have two children, Lavon and Harold. Carl Logan, a farmer in Noble township, married Wilma Bowen and they have one child, Louise. Joseph Stiers is a member of the Presbyterian church at Rushville. He has always voted the Democratic ticket.

T. J. DOWNEY, a well-known farmer and stock raiser of Noble township, is a native of the township in which he now resides and was born on January 5, 1857, being the son of William H. and Ellen (Cowen) Downey, the latter a native of Ohio. William H. Downey was a native of West Virginia and the son of William Downey. When about seventeen years of age he went to Ohio, where he learned the trade of a millwright, which he followed for a number of years, his construction work being applied mostly to grist mills. He was married in Ohio and soon afterward came to Indiana, where he bought eighty acres of land in Rush county, to the improvement and cultivation of which he devoted himself with such success that he was enabled to increase his holdings to more than 500 acres. He carried on general farming operations and stock raising and followed progressive and up-to-date ideas in his labors. His death occurred in 1894 and his widow died two years later. Of the seven children who blessed the union of this worthy couple, four are now living, namely: Della, Florence, Alma and T. J. T. J. Downey attended the public schools of Noble township, in which he secured a good practical education. He followed farming on the home place, assisting his father up to the time of his marriage. He then rented from his father and mother

until the latter's death, since which time he has cultivated land of his own. He is the owner of two hundred and fifty-two acres of excellent, well improved land, all in Noble township, which he devotes to general farming and stock raising, feeding out quite a number of cattle and hogs. He is energetic and methodical in his work and has achieved a distinctive success in his vocation. In 1879 T. J. Downey was married to Alice Wellman, the daughter of Robert and Robena (Guffin) Wellman, and they have one child, Stella, who is the wife of Dr. Ernest Cofield, doctor of dental surgery, of Indianapolis. Mr. and Mrs. Downey are active members of the Little Flat Rock Christian Church, and in politics he is a stanch supporter of the Republican party. Mrs. Downey also was born in Rush county, as were her parents, both of the latter having been members of pioneer families here. Her father, Robert Wellman, was a well known farmer and trader and he and his wife were the parents of five children, those besides Mrs. Downey being Eva, Rhoda, Ross and Aaron Wellman.

JOHN A. GRAY, a well-known farmer and landowner of Union township, proprietor of an excellent farm on rural mail route No. 1 out of Glenwood, but now living retired at Rushville, was born in Union township and has lived there most of his life, the exceptions being a period during which he was engaged in business in Rushville and another period during which he was "trying his fortune" in Kansas. Mr. Gray is of pioneer stock, his parents, George and Mary (Hinchman) Gray, having been members of old families here. Both were born in Monroe county, Virginia, now West Virginia, and were but children when their respective parents came to Indiana with a considerable colony of Virginians who were coming out here about that time and taking up the promising new lands then being offered as "Congress tracts" in the Hoosier state. George Gray was the son of James Gray and wife, the latter of whom was a Nichols, who came to Indiana in 1822 and located in Union county. Two years later they came over into Rush county and "entered" a tract of land in Union township on which they established their home and spent the remainder of their lives, influential pioneer residents of that section. James Gray, who died there in 1872, was a good farmer and became quite a large landowner, a well-to-do citizen in his generation. He and his wife had six children, those besides George having been John, James, Mary, Nancy and Peggy. George Gray was but two years of age when his parents came to Indiana and he "grew up" on the homestead farm in Union township, this county, in turn becoming a farmer on his own account. His affairs prospered and he became the owner of around 600 acres of land in Union township, one of the most substantial farmers thereabout. George Gray was married in this county, his wife, Mary Hinchman, also having been a member of the Virginia colony of pioneers, and he and his wife spent their last days in Union township, useful and influential members of that community. They had nine children who grew to maturity, those besides John A., the subject of this sketch, being James

(deceased), Rebecca (deceased), Mary (deceased), Susan (deceased), Minnie, Margaret, Morton P. and George. John A. Gray was born on the farm above referred to in Union township on January 6, 1854. He grew to manhood there, receiving his schooling in the neighborhood schools, and as a young man left the farm and went to Rushville, where he became engaged in the livery business and was thus engaged for six years, at the end of which time he went to Kansas where he remained until news of his father's death brought him home and upon his return here he resumed farming and has ever since been thus engaged, the owner of an excellent farm of 240 acres in Union township on which besides his general farming he carries on quite extensive operations in the way of live stock breeding and has long done well. Mr. Gray has a well improved place and one of the most substantial farm plants in that section, it ever having been a matter of pride with him to keep his place up in "ship-shape" form. In 1891 John A. Gray was united in marriage to Fannie Norris, who also was born in this county, and to this union three children have been born, namely: Margaret Virginia, who married Wesley J. Kelly and has two children, John Wesley and Richard Gray; James Russell Gray and Helen Gould Gray. Mrs. Gray is a daughter of Albert Newton and Emaline (Hunt) Norris, the latter of whom also was born in Rush county, a member of one of the old families here. Albert Newton Norris was born in Kentucky and was but a child when his parents came up into Indiana and located in Rush county, settling on a farm in Noble township, where he grew to manhood and in turn became a farmer on his own account and also was for years engaged in the manufacture of grain drills for local distribution in the days before there was such a wide distribution of the products of the great factories hereabout. Albert N. Norris and his wife were the parents of six children, those besides Mrs. Gray being Anna, Eutie, Clifton, Dempsey and Frank. Mr. and Mrs. Gray are members of the Christian church at Rushville. In his political affiliation Mr. Gray is a Republican and, fraternally, he is a member of the Knights of Pythias. The Grays in the spring of 1921 retired from the farm and moved to Rushville, where they have a very pleasant home.

ANGUS C. MILLER, a well-known citizen of Richland township, who by a life of persistent and well-applied energy has achieved material success and gained the good will of his fellow citizens, was born in that township on November 10, 1883, and is the son of Eliphalet and Mary (Blue) Miller, both also natives of Rush county. The subject's paternal grandfather, Archibald Miller, was a native of the state of Virginia, whence he came to Indiana, first locating in Franklin county, where he entered land. Later he bought 343 acres of land in Rush county, on which he lived until his death, which occurred in 1882. He was a member of the United Brethren church. He married Ann Barber, who died in 1883, and they became the parents of eight children, all of whom are deceased. Eliphalet Miller was reared to manhood in this county and was indebted to the common

schools for his educational training. On completing his studies he turned his attention to farming, but on the outbreak of the Civil war he enlisted in defense of his country, becoming a member of Company C, Sixty-eighth regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, with which command he rendered valiant service for three years. After leaving the army, Mr. Miller went to Illinois, where he devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits until 1883, when he returned to Rush county and bought 147 acres of land, on which he followed general farming and stock raising to the time of his death, which occurred in 1886. His wife had passed away during the preceding year. They became the parents of seven children, of whom five are now living, namely: Stella, Earl, Otis, Angus and Harry. Angus Miller was reared in Richland township, attending the common schools. After completing his schooling, he began farming the old Miller home place which he has operated continuously now for eighteen years and where he has gained an excellent reputation as a practical and progressive farmer, raising all the crops common to this section of the country, and also gives some attention to live stock, feeding about 150 head of hogs annually. Mr. Miller is a Republican in his political faith and takes a keen interest in everything pertaining to the welfare of the community in which he lives.

MRS. AUGUSTA BROWNELL, a well known resident of Washington township, is a representative of two of the old pioneer families of the county, both her paternal and maternal grandparents and great-grandparents having been among the first settlers of the county. Mrs. Brownell was born in Washington township, a daughter of George S. and Rozza Belle (Glidden) Lail, the latter the only daughter of Augustus and Olive Belle (Loder) Glidden. George S. Lail was born in Rush county, a son of George Henry and Mary (Shawhan) Lail, the latter of whom also was born in this county, a daughter of John M. and Sarah Shawhan. George H. Lail was a Kentuckian and his marriage to Mary Shawhan took place in the old Shawhan homestead at Falmouth in this county. He established his home in this county and became prominent in the affairs of the pioneer community. Mrs. Brownell received her schooling in Manual Training high school, at Indianapolis, and in DePauw University, at Greencastle. On November 16, 1903, Augusta Lail was united in marriage to Charles Albert Brownell, a resident of Cincinnati, a native of Ohio and a graduate of Andover College and Yale University. To this union was born one child, a son, George Stenson Brownell, who resides with his mother at their pleasant home in Raleigh.

MARSHALL HINCHMAN, a well known retired farmer and substantial landowner of Union township, was born on the farm on which he is now living and has lived there all his life. Mr. Hinchman is a member of one of the real pioneer families of Rush county, his parents, John and Margaret (Nickell) Hinchman, having settled in Union township upon coming to Indiana from Virginia in the fall of

1823, following their marriage in their native state. John Hinchman was a son of John and Margaret (Vinson) Hinchman. In 1822 he had come out into Indiana on a prospecting trip and had entered from the Government an eighty-acre tract in Union township, this county. Upon his arrival here with his bride in the fall of 1823 he put up a log cabin on this tract and established his home there. He early became recognized as one of the foreeful figures in that part of the county and did much toward developing proper conditions in the formative period of the county's development. He took an active part in the county's civic affairs and for some time served as a member of the board of county commissioners. John Hinchman became one of the county's large landowners and at the time of his death in 1865 was the possessor of more than 1,000 acres of land besides other valuable property. He and his wife were the parents of eleven children, of whom four are still living, Marshall Hinchman having three brothers, Sanford, Ira and Morris Hinchman, the two latter of whom are veterans of the Civil war. Marshall Hinchman was born on December 3, 1846, and was reared on the home farm in Union township, receiving his schooling in the old Stringtown school and at Glenwood. He was but eighteen years of age when his father died and he continued making his home on the home place, presently starting operations there on his own account and after his marriage established his home there and has ever since continued to reside on the place. To his inheritance in the place Mr. Hinchman added until he became the owner of 280 acres, but this holding he has reduced until he now has but 160 acres, one of the best improved farms in that section of the county. Mr. Hinchman continued actively engaged in farming and stock raising until 1916 when he retired from active labors and has since been renting his farm, though continuing to make his home on the place, where he is very comfortably situated. Mr. Hinchman is a Republican and has ever given his thoughtful attention to the general civic affairs of his community as well as of the county at large.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN MARTIN, one of the best known residents of Rush county, formerly and for years engaged in the mercantile business at Raleigh, where he is now living retired, is a native Hoosier and has lived in this state all his life, a resident of this county practically all the time since the days of his young manhood. Mr. Martin was born at Centerville, in Wayne county, September 23, 1864, only son of Benjamin F. and Sarah A. (Jameson) Martin, the former of whom was born in Chester county, Pennsylvania, son of Benjamin Lloyd and Sarah (Christianson) Martin, who became pioneers of Wayne county, this state. Benjamin Lloyd Martin was born in Pennsylvania in 1806 and his schooling was completed in a commercial college at Philadelphia. He married in 1831 and in 1839 moved with his family to Indiana and located in Wayne county, where he at once became one of the influential factors in the development of the commercial interests of that section of the state, one

important act of his being his part in the work of organization of the first bank in Wayne county. He also was an important factor in the development of the social and religious life of the community and in 1840, the year after his arrival in Indiana, was licensed to preach by the Methodist Episcopal church, his services as a minister of the Gospel coming to be in wide demand thereabout. When the Civil war broke out Benjamin Lloyd Martin enlisted his services and was commissioned paymaster in the army with the rank of major. During the period 1869-73 he served as representative in the state legislature from Wayne county, and later served for eight years as auditor of that county and for a like period as deputy auditor. His son, Benjamin F. Martin, father of the subject of this sketch, was but a lad when he accompanied his parents to Indiana in 1839 and his schooling was completed in the old Centerville Academy. When the Civil war broke out he enlisted his services in behalf of the Union cause and was attached to the Seventy-eighth regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, presently being given a lieutenant's commission and with that command served for two years or more. In 1863, while home on a furlough Lieutenant Martin married Sarah A. Jameson and upon the completion of his military service settled down on a farm owned by his father and was for six years engaged as a farmer in Wayne county. He then bought a general store at Chester and was there engaged in the mercantile business until his death in 1885. He and his wife were the parents of two children, the subject of this sketch having a sister, Mrs. Maude Gerrard, of Indianapolis. The junior Benjamin F. Franklin completed his schooling at Earlham College at Richmond and for a year following the completion of his college course served as assistant in the office of the treasurer of Wayne county. The next year he spent as bookkeeper in a business house at Richmond and then decided to enter into business for himself. With this end in view he came to Rush county and bought a general store at Raleigh and was thus engaged in business in that pleasant village for twenty-three years, at the end of which time he left the store and became traveling auditor for the D. M. Osborne Company, of Indianapolis, continuing in that capacity until 1899 when he bought a farm of 186 acres in Washington township and began farming on an extensive scale, gradually adding to his holdings until he is now the owner of 593 acres, all in Washington township. In 1915 Mr. Martin practically retired from the active labors of the farm and erected a handsome modern house at Raleigh, where he and his family are now making their home. Mr. Martin was reared a Quaker and is affiliated with the Friends Meeting at Spiceland. He is a Knight Templar and Scottish Rite Mason and is also a noble of the Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, affiliated with Murat Temple at Indianapolis. He and his family are Republicans. On September 5, 1888, Mr. Martin was united in marriage to Cora E. Elwell, who was born in Washington township, this county, daughter of Horace and Mary J. Elwell, and to this union three children have been born, Eli E.,

Benjamin F. and Myra G. (deceased). Eli E. Martin completed his schooling at Purdue University. He married Mary Finney, of Rushville, and has two children, Martha and Mary K. The younger son, Benjamin F. Martin, Jr., completed the high school course at Raleigh and is now a student at Purdue University.

BIRNEY D. FARTHING, superintendent of the Glenwood schools and one of the best known and most successful young educators in Rush county, was born in this county and has ever been devoted to the interests of the same. He was born on a farm in Richland township on May 9, 1886, son of Edward A. and Gertrude (Dobyns) Farthing, well known residents of that community, who are still living there. Reared on the home farm in Richland township, Birney D. Farthing was graduated from the Clarksburg high school in 1904, when eighteen years of age. Trained to the ways of the farm, he thought to follow that vocation and for two or three years after leaving the high school engaged in farming as a renter on his father's place. In the meantime he had been giving his thought to the notion of teaching and when twenty-one years of age secured a license to teach and conducted his first term of school in Orange township. The next year he secured a school in his home township and taught there for three years, at the end of which time he was employed as principal of the graded school at Milford and was thus engaged for two years, meantime continuing his studies in preparation for advancement in his chosen profession. From Milford Mr. Farthing went to Ging as principal of the high school there and after two years thus engaged at that place was appointed superintendent of the high school at Arlington and a year later, in 1919, was appointed superintendent of the schools at Glenwood, a position he since has occupied and in the performance of the duties of which position he has done much to promote the interests of the excellent schools of that pleasant village. Mr. Farthing's first normal school training was received at the normal school at Angola, Indiana, in 1907. In 1912 he entered the normal school at Marion, Indiana, and was graduated from that institution in 1915. Supplementing this admirable preparatory study Mr. Farthing later entered the Indiana State Normal School at Terre Haute and was graduated from that institution in 1920, and further supplemental study secured for him the degree of Philosophiae Baccalaureus bestowed by the state normal school at Muncie. On May 9, 1920, Birney D. Farthing was united in marriage to LaVerne Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Davis, and has since made his home at Glenwood. Mr. and Mrs. Farthing are members of the Christian church and take a proper interest in the work of the church as well as in the general social activities of the community in which they live. By political affiliation they are Republicans. Fraternally, Mr. Farthing is affiliated with the local lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons at Clarksburg and with the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

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